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States

Hunter S. Thom pson memorial: Friends and family of the late Hunter S. Thompson gathered Saturday night at a luxury hotel to remember the writer with a private party.

In keeping with Thompson's wishes, the memorial celebration at the Hotel Jerome in this mountain resort town was closed to reporters and the public.

Outside, a careful passerby might have no ticed Johnny Depp, who portrayed Thomp-son in a film adaptation of "Fear and Loath-ing in Las Vegas," and John Cusack slipping into the hotel, along with guests carrying in vitations.

Inside, the hotel's ballroom was decorat ed with a giant American flag and an almost life-size black-and-white photo cutout of Thompson standing in front of it.

Aspen residents honored Thompson's request for privacy.

World

Kyrgyzstan election protests: Hundreds of people across Kyrgyzstan on Sunday pro tested alleged irregularities in last month's elections, with supporters of one opposition candidate blocking a key road linking the country with China, police said.

Supporters of another opposition candidate continued to occupy a government building in the country's south for a third day Sunday, refusing to recognize his defeat in the Feb. 27 vote

The Central Asian nation's parliamentary elections were criticized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as falling short of international standards. Election officials said opposition candidate Ishenbay Kadyrbekov's appeal with the Central Election Commission would be considered on Monday.

Jordan terror arrest: A man charged with e-mailing bomb threats to Jordanian intelligence officers said Sunday he was tortured

into making false confessions while in deten-Murad Khaled al-Assidah, 18, a Jordanian of Palestinian descent, was arrested in December and has pleaded not guilty to Jor-

dan's charge of threatening violence to dis-His case was adjourned until March 13.

turb the public

Madrid bombings: The prime minister has urged media outlets not to broadcast grisly footage and photos of the Madrid train bombings as Spain marks the attacks' first anniversary this week, saying it will make victims suffer unduly.

News coverage "at all times must respect the victims' pain," Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Saturday in an interview with the private Foundation for Victims of Terror-

The government has declared Friday's anniversary a day of national mourning,

British royal wedding: The forthcoming wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles is good for Britain and people should support it, the former Archbishop of Canterbury said Sunday.

A local registry is expected to rule soon

on nine formal objections that have been filed against the marriage plans. The objections were filed by unidentified Britons on



Pope's recovery: Pope John Paul II waves to faithful Sunday as he appears for the traditional Angelus prayer at a window of his apartment on the 10th floor of Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital, in this picture released by Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. The pope looked alert as he sat behind the closed window, repeatedly raising his arms to bless the crowd, but he did not speak during the three-minute appearance. Residents in the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, held special prayers and signed a book of greetings that will be delivered to the pope. Orthodox Christians in Bucharest, Romania, also prayed for the pontiff, who visited the nation in 1999, his first trip to a Christian Orthodox country.

Friday, the deadline for such challenges.

James Brown in Indonesia: Legendary soul singer James Brown said Sunday that Michael Jackson was being "set up" in his child molestation trial and that the embattled performer should be touring tsunami-hit Asia rather than defending himself in a U.S. court.

Speaking in Indonesia ahead of a concert Sunday, the 71-year-old Godfather of Soul also claimed to be the root of modern music.

"All the music playing the last part of the 20th century was all James Brown," he said. The 21st century is just James Brown period. Whether it's rap, hip hop, gospel, or country doesn't make no difference. They are all using my stuff and I'm glad because I've been able to bring something to music."

Brown said he came to Indonesia in part to raise awareness about the Dec. 26 tsuna-mi that killed more than 173,000 people in 11 countries around the Indian Ocean.

N. Korea nuke talks: North Korean leaders told China they are ready to resume six-nation nuclear talks, the Chinese foreign minister said Sunday, but he didn't say whether Pyongyang attached any condi-

China has been trying to arrange new talks on the North's nuclear program. Pyongyang announced Feb. 10 that it had produced nuclear weapons and had no interest in returning to the disarmament talks.

Responding to a message from Chinese President Hu Jintao, the North Korean leadership said it "remained ready and willing to continue to participate in the six-party talks," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said.

China's defense budget: A general in charge of finance for China's military says Beijing doesn't spend enough on defense even after the announcement of another double-digit annual budget increase

"Compared with other major countries in the world, the military expenditures of our country are still at a fairly low level," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Maj. Gen. Ding Jiye as saying.

China announced Friday its military bud-get will rise 12.6 percent this year to \$29.9 - a figure that analysts say is probably far less than its true spending. It was the fourth double-digit increase in five years.

Bobby Fischer deportation saga: American chess champion Bobby Fischer could be deported to the United States to face tax evasion charges, a Japanese news report said

The report by the national Mainichi newspaper could signal more trouble for Fischer as he battles a separate Japanese deporta-tion order to the United States and tries to unin free passage to Iceland. Fischer, 61, has been held by Japanese immigration authori-ties since being arrested in July while try-ing to board a plane to the Philippines allegedly using an invalid U.S. passport.

Congo violence: Children as young as 8 and women are among the militia who have attacked several villages in Congo's violent Ituri province, killing dozens and forcing more than 70,000 from their homes, a United Nations spokesman said.

Militias suspected of killing nine U.N.

peacekeepers in northeastern Congo have also taken thousands of people hostage to use as sex slaves and to ferry gold and other minerals, said U.N. spokesman Kemal Saiki.

U.N. peacekeepers negotiated the release of more than 1,500 hostages in early February, and assisted another 3,700 who were kidnapped and later released by ethnic Lendu militia, said Maj. Aamer Zahid, spokesman for U.N. troops in Congo, on Sat-

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Another time of change for Kosovo

Eastern sector gets new U.S. commander weeks before conference on 'final status'

BY BEN MURRAY Stars and Stripes

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — Once a bloody battle ground, Kosovo has become a refuge of restraint for its flercely divided population, the outgoing commander of the U.S. peacekeeping force in Kosovo said Saturdav.

Since September, when National Guard reservists of the 38th Infantry Brigade began patrolling villages around Camp Bondsteel, there has been little to report in the way of civil unrest, the departing unit's commander, Brig. Gen. Tod Carmony, said

But as Carmony prepared to hand off command of Multinational Brigade (East), or MNB(E), to Brig. Gen. William Wade II of the 40th Infantry Division, both commanders agreed the transfer would take place in an atmosphere of change for the disputed province. Change that could mean eventual independence for Kosovo or renewed violence or both

On Sunday, Wade officially began the U.S. military's first yearlong rotation in the MNB(E), almost exactly a year after the last major flare-up of violence between ethnic Serbs and Albanians, and just months before pivotal international conferences on what is referred to as the "final status" of Kosovo.

The day before the transfer of authority ceremony, both generals sat down with Stars and Stripes to talk about the American mission in the Balkan province, where the U.S. military has held a presence since the 1999 NATO bombing campaign to push back Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic. Since then, Kosovo has lingered



PHOTOS BY BEN MURRAY/Stars and Stripes

Brig, Gen. William H. Wade, left, incoming commander of the U.S., peacekeeping force in Kosovo, the Multinational Brigade (East), addresses troops at a transfer of authority ceremony Sunday at Camp Bondsteel. "We do not approach the tasks before us lightly," Wade said. "The people of the United States and our NATO allies sent us here to accomplish a mission, a mission that we will fully perform to the best of our abilities."

in a political limbo, where the area's 90 percent Albanian population is still legally part of Serbia, but governed by U.N. resolutions from afar.

Whatever recommendation the panel makes, ethnic tension will have a greater potential to increase as a conclusion draws closer, a top U.N. envoy to the area said in late February.

"One or the other group is not going to be happy with [the panel's decision]," Wade said Saturday.

But Carmony said something has to happen to break a political status quo that has yet to defeat widespread unemployment and a disturbing human trafficking prob-

lem. Just weeks before the change of command ceremony, 13 arrests for human trafficking were made in 10 days, and four women found in forced prostitution — one in a town just outside Bondsteel's gates—were freed, according to U.N. reports.

"The situation just can't stay the way it is now," Carmony said. "The economy is kind of waiting for some kind of status so we can move forward, otherwise it's kind of painful."

As Wade took the helm, the U.S. assessment of the stability of Kosovo was "calm, but fragile" — a phrase used by both gener-

If political change does mean unrest, Wade said, his 1,700 troops are fully prepared to back up the local Kosovo security

Both Wade and Carmony said Saturday the long period of calm that has settled in since last March is cause for optimism, and that the 40th ID extended stay in the province will be a boon for relations between Americans and the local population.

In the long run, Carmony said, a reduced American presence in Kosvov originally scheduled before the March 2004 violence—is still a possibility, but an international presence will likely remain in the province for the foreseeable future.

"When you get this kind of destruction ... it takes a while for everybody to start focusing on the future [rather] than on the past," he said. "I'm starting to see people be more focused on the future. They want something more for their children and they know the way to get that is to work to move forward."

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U.S. troops in Kosovo feel welcomed by residents



Spc. Randolf Labastida, from the 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry, patrols the muddy streets of the Serbian village of Pasjan on Saturday, near the U.S. milliary facility at Camp Monteith, Kosotho. Troops regularly patrol local villages to provide a reminder of the presence international peacekeepers retain in the resion.

A long history of ethnic intolerance keeps Serbs and Albanians apart, but both sides wave to Americans

CAMP MONTEITH, Kosovo
or the untrained eye, it's impossible to tell which portions of
the muddy back alleys in the
villages outside of Camp Monteith are Albanian and which are strictly Serbian.

Crumbling stonewalls and haphazard cinderblock buildings are the norm in both, and the ubiquitous geese and stray dogs disregard the ethnic borders.

It is likewise hard to tell which side of the ethnic line people fall on based on their reaction to American troops patrolling the streets on missions to present a show of force and improve community relations.

Regardless of where they are, troops of newly arrived elements of the 40th Infantry Division said last weekend that local residents are usually quick to wave or shake the hand of a passing sol-

"I would say in all the towns we've been pretty welcome," said Spc. James Dombrowski, from the 578th Engineers' Company A.

The patrols are a large part of the day-to-day American work in Kosovo, where troops cruise the streets of towns near the two U.S. facilities in the region — Camp Monteith and the large-

er Camp Bondsteel — to remind both sides that an international presence remains in the province, departing U.S. Brig. Gen. Tod Carmony said Saturday.

The Kosovo Force has acted on behalf of both ethnic populations in recent years: first when troops blasted back Yugoslav forces advancing on Albanians and sealed off the province in 1999, and more recently when soldiers fought to calm Albanian rioting aimed at the Serb minority last March.

"They don't like each other, and they're very honest about that," Dombrowski said. "This is not the land of tolerance."

But it is a place where American forces are readily accepted, said Sgt. Kevin Barry from the 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry.

"The kids come up, we give 'em candy," Barry said. "Sometimes the [cafe] owners buy us coffee."

The attitude also seems to spill over in areas where Serbs and Albanians intermingle, said Sgt. Spencer Davenport, also of the 1st-160th, in what he said was a refreshing contradiction from his expectation that Kosovo was a dour place typified by angry ethnic

"Everybody's just basically friendly to each other," he said.

- Ben Murray

NASA workshop gives teachers a boost

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

Over the years, astronauts and those who study the heavens have always captured the imagination and interest of students enrolled in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe.

But lately the relationship between DODDS and the National Space and Aeronautics Administration has reached new heights.

On Saturday, two NASA person nel sat down with DODDS educators for a daylong professional development course designed to further the system's science curriculum, from the elementary level to high school

The focus this time was NASA's

which allows students to make observations via a computer and compare it with NASA data. In particular, the workshop dealt with the relationship between the sun and the earth, such as tracking solar storms.

"Science is exciting. Science is about discovery," said Elaine Lewis, a NASA educator for the observation network. Ultimately Saturday's workshop, she added, was intended to help DODDS edu-cators "inspire the minds of young students.

Last fall, two NASA scientists visited DODDS-Europe headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, to discuss something called the Goldstone Apple Valley Radio Telescope Project.

With respect to that project, the computer work students will do involving radio waves across the solar system and universe actually helps NASA develop and modify planetary models used by scien-

The two workshops don't necessarily represent a new effort by NASA to reach out solely to DODDS, because, as Lewis said. the space agency as always sought to inspire students as well as teachers But the workshops do underscore a continuing interest to make science more appeal-

ing to kids. "NASA puts a lot of effort, visibility and effort towards educaLou Mayo, a planetary scientist and program manager at the God-

dard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. Sponsored by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the recent workshop in Heidelberg, Germany, drew 36 DODDS teachers and ad-

ministrators. Attendees received presentation about the sun-Earth system and how it works, and were later schooled in the activities and tools the Student Observation Network offers teachers to assist them in the

Using desk computers, educators were guided through some of the learning sites they can access the sites display real-time data on the sun and its relationship with

"It's neat that kids get to work with real data," said Susan K. Kerns, president of the ASCD's German affiliate and an educational technologist at Bitburg Elementary School. "They can see

the same data that scientists see. For Kerns, the workshop is vet another tool DODDS teachers can use to expose students to the wonders of science. The payback might be decades away, she said, but a DODDS student "may be the one scientist that solves a mystery" regarding issues like radiation or ozone depletion.

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Playing paintball hooks Sigonella corpsman

Enthusiast hopes to set up field on base

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

or someone trained in saving lives, Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Rich has spent a lot of time shooting people. The Naval Hospital Sigonella, Sicily, corpsman has even shot people in the back while they weren't looking.

But as an experienced paintball player who's competed on semiprofessional teams in both the United States and Europe, that shooting is integral to the sport.

Rich started playing paintball about 10 years ago when he bought a gun and equipment from a roommate's friend. He shelled out \$200 on gear for a game that he'd never played he-

"The first time I played I was hooked," he said. "It's like the worst drug you can take - it's expensive and addictive."

Rich tried to play as often as he could, scraping together as much money as he could for trips to central Florida paintball fields. As his skills progressed, so did

the sport of paintball. "Early in the '90s there were no concept fields," he said. "It was all in the woods."

A French company, Rich said, designed inflatable obstacles that were set on a playing field. The Sup'Air obstacles, as they are known, are now standard in the many tournaments held through-

"It's way more structured, especially over the past few years, Rich said about paintball's evolution. "This is all spectator-friendlv.'

out the world.

Rich started playing in tournaments while he was stationed in North Carolina in the mid- to late 1990s. Teams carry rankings that allow them to be set in play brack-

Rich has mostly played at Ama-





teur A level, which is one sten down from the sport's professional ranking.

When he transferred to Sicily in 2002 he expected to continue playing paintball regularly.

Unfortunately, he said, paint-ball is virtually unknown on the is-

"If you go outside the borders of Italy (it's big)," he said, "I've played Russian, English, French, Japanese, Brazilian (teams), but not Italian

He's played in a few tournaments since arriving in Sicily, inPetty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Rich plays paintball during a tournament at the Crystal Palace in London last year. Rich has played at a number of tournaments throughout his three years in Europe and had played in many more over the past decade in the United States. Rich plays paintball during a tournament at the Crystal Palace in London last year. Rich has played at a number of tournaments throughout his three years in Europe and had played in many more over the past decade in the United States. In Sicily, where he's stationed, the sport is virtually unknown, he says.

Photos courtesy of Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Rich

cluding one in Lisbon, Portugal where his team took fourth of 50 teams in the Amateur A level, and also has refereed two tournaments in Germany.

He said he doesn't expect to play much during his remaining six months in Sigonella, but hopes



Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Rich

Rich the leading petty officer for the hospital's operations

management division, also is an avid paintball player, having played in tournaments at the semiprofessional level.

Duty station: Naval Hospital

Sigonella, Sicily Military service: 11 years

Family: Son. Austin. 3 Home: Winter Haven, Fla.

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to at least help get a paintball field set up on base.

The base did have one, he said. but paintball on Sigonella "came to a screeching halt after Sept. 11.

"We're still waiting for something," he said. He wants to en-sure that when the base does get paintball up and running again, it has proper, up-to-date equipment and is run along tournament

He understands that it will cost money to get it started, but be-lieves if it's run correctly - and safely - it could be economically viable for Sigonella.

"At Lejeune we had one on base and that even with two (fields) out in town," he said.

The benefit won't just be monetary, he said, as paintball is a sport that can appeal to anyone.

"I've seen whole families playing - mom. dad. brothers and sisters." Rich said.

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Kurds, Shiites get top jobs as assembly set to meet March 16

Residents of the al-Wahda neighborhood, south of Bagh-

dad, protest outside the Convention Center in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Sunday. The protest-

ers say a lack of security in their neighborhood leaves

BY PATRICK OUINN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraqi politicians set March 16 for the opening of the country's first democratically elected parliament in modern history as a deal hardened Sunday to name Jalal Talabani, a leader of the minority Kurds, to the largely ceremonial presidency

The powerful prime minister's job will go to Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a deeply conservative Shiite who is leader of the Islamic

Dawa party. His nomination which the Kurds have agreed to, has been endorsed by the most powerful Shiite cleric in Iraq Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani

"This was one of our firm demands and we agreed on it previously. The agreement states Jalal Talabani takes the presidential post and one of the United Iragi Alliance members takes the prime minister's post," Talabani spokesman Azac Jundivan said.

He added, however, that the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance also reached a preliminary agreement with Kurds on their

other conditions - including extending their territories to include Kirkuk.

them open to attacks.

Jundiyan said they wanted the deal on paper before going though with it, while alliance officials, including Ahmad Chalabi, said those negotiations

Baghdad's new Shiite governor, Ali Fadhil al-Imseer, took office Sunday to become the city's first democratically elected municipal official since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Provincial and municipal elections

were held alongside national ones on Jan. 30 In northern Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, gunmen killed a prominent Sunni Arab politician. Hana Abdul Qader, a lawyer and former member of Mosul's previous city council, was shot as she left her home, said Noor Al-Din Saied, a spokesman for the Iraqi İslamic party in Mosul.

U.S. soldiers assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and Iraqi forces arrested more than 60 suspected insurgents in the city of Haswa, 31 miles south of Baghdad, on Saturday, a U.S. military announcement said Sunday.

State-run Al-Iragiya television also reported that Barham Saleh a Kurd who is the deputy prime minister for national security affairs confirmed that the 275-seat National Assembly elected more than one month ago would convene on

March 16 is the anniversary of the 1988 Saddam Hussein-ordered chemical attack on the northern Kurdish town of Halabja, which killed 5,000 people. Saleh had met with alliance leader Abdel Aziz al-Hakim on Saturday when the alliance convened to discuss the issue

Al-Jaafari and the alliance had agreed on Talabani's presidency during a March 3 meeting with Kurdish leaders in northern Irbil

Kurds had long wanted the job for Talabani, the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan

The alliance, with 140 seats in the assembly, eds the 75 seats held by a Kurdish coalition for the two thirds majority needed to elect a president and two vice presidents, the first step toward setting up a government under a prime minister

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who conols 40 seats in the assembly, also has been negotiating to keep his job.



article by journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who denied U.S. allegations that a car driving her to the Baghdad airport was speeding before U.S. soldiers shot at it, wounding Sgrena and killing an Italian intelligence officer.

Italian journalist rejects American account of attack

BY MARIA SANMINIATELLI The Associated Press

ROME - The Italian journalist wounded by American troops in Iraq after her release by insurgents rejected the U.S. military's account of the shooting and declined Sunday to rule out the pos sibility she was deliberately targeted. The White House said it was a "horrific accident" and promised a full investigation.

Meanwhile, an autopsy formed on the agent who died try ing to save Giuliana Sgrena reportedly showed he was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly as the

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airport.

car carrying Sgre-na sped to the

Baghdad airport.

Friday's shooting that wounded 56-year-old iournalist and

killed Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari as they were celebrating her freedom has fueled anti-American sentiment in a country where people are deeply opposed to U.S. policy in Iraq.

Sgrena, who works for the communist daily Il Manifesto, did not rule out that she was targeted, saying the United States likely disapproved of Italy's methods to se cure her release, although she did not elaborate.

"The fact that the Americans don't want negotiations to free the hostages is known," Sgrena told TG24 television by telephone, her voice hoarse and shaky. "The fact that they do everything to prevent the adoption of this practice to save the lives of people held hostages, everybody knows that. So I don't see why I should rule out that I could have

been the target." Italian officials have not provided details about the negotiations leading to Sgrena's release Friday after a month in captivity, but Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno was quoted as saving it was "very likely" a ransom was paid. U.S. officials object to ransoms, saving it encourages fur-

il manifesto

ther kidnappings. White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday the shootings were a "horrific accident" and pointed out that President Bush had called Berlusconi to offer condolences and promise a full investigation.

The U.S. military has said the car Sgrena was riding in was speeding, and Americans used hand and arm signals, flashing

white lights and warning shots get it to stop at the roadblock.

But in an inter-

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View with Italian
La 7 TV, Sgrena
said, "There was
no bright light, no signal." She also said the car was traveling at "regular speed."

Sgrena also recalled how Calipari, who led negotiations for her release, died after throwing himself over her when the shooting broke out as they were celebrat ing her freedom on the way to the

'I remember only fire," she wrote in Il Manifesto, which fiercely opposed the war in Irag. "At that point a rain of fire and bullets came at us, forever silencing the happy voices from a few minutes earlier."

Sgrena said the driver began shouting that they were Italian, then "Nicola Calipari dove on top of me to protect me and immediate and I mean immediately, I felt his last breath as he died on me

Calipari, who was killed shielding Sgrena from gunfire, is to be awarded the gold medal of valor.

A state funeral was planned for him for Monday





U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Saturday, at least 1,507 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1.142 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians

The AP count is 12 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each

The latest deaths reported by the military

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military or fami-

■ No identifications report-



Cars pull to the side of the road as a recent Combat Logistics Patrol passes through downtown Tikrit. Iragis have been told to vield when a convoy passes. The dangers of moving supplies from point A to point B in Iraq are so severe, "convoy" isn't a word that does justice to the mission. "Combat Logistics Patrol" has taken over to describe the the military vehicles manned by soldiers who escort civilians in the truck and are ready to unleas a hail of bullets on anyone who tries to stop them.

Soldiers' eyes wide open on roads in Iraq

Combat Logistics Patrols stay vigilant while moving supplies

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

TIKRIT, Iraq — "You say a little prayer before going out," Spc. Hamdan Jaludi said. "After that you just keep your eyes open

So begins the Combat Logistics Patrol, which is when heavily armed military vehicles escort a line of trucks that are moving supplies from point A to point B. Civilians drive the trucks, while the military vehicles are manned by soldiers ready to unleash a hail of bullets at anyone who tries to stop

It is a tense daily routine - so potentially deadly that "convoy" isn't a word that does justice to

amped-up soldiers who guard it Exhaust-

ing? Not really, said the 22-year-old Jaludi "It's your

you're talking about, said



the A11 roads in Iraq are strewn with places for insurgents to hide bombs or mount an ambush, which makes for high-sensory paranoia every time the soldiers leave the gate and results in high-fives and sighs of relief every time they return unscathed.

"It's almost addictive, like a drug." said 1st Lt. Brian Broas, a convoy commander with the 50th Main Support Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division. "No matter how short of a trip, you spend a day and a half preparing for it.

"During the actual convoy it's exhilarating. You constantly have to push other thoughts out of your mind. Your perception is heightened. I can see how soldiers can get addicted to it."

it ran from Tikrit to Kirkuk and back, about 65 miles and 2 hours, 45 minutes each way

The route snaked through downtown Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, and moved out onto a crusty two-lane road dubbed IED Alley for its history of roadside bombs that have been placed there.

The relatively small 22-vehicle convov was delivering water. food, mail, vehicle parts and other necessities to Forward Operating Base Warrior, and planned to return other vehicles and payload back to1 the 50th MSB's home base, FOB Speicher, one of the main supply hubs in north-cen-

tral Irag. As soon as it left Speicher, soldiers one armored Humvee noticed that no Iraqi children were

playing their

spot. A single shot was fired from the adjacent neighborhood of shacks. Maybe it was a sniper, maybe just someone harassing the troops, they said.

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Troops carefully examined a single, leafy tree in the highway median as they approached, it's an easy spot to plant a bomb.

"They gotta cut that down Broas barked over the roar of the Humvee's engine

The light traffic in Tikrit that morning was a troublesome sign. Up in the Humvee's turret, Jaludi waves at oncoming Iraqi motorists to pull off to the shoulder. Most do, some don't. He swings his M249 Squad Automatic Weapon around and aims it at drivers who come too close

At a fast clip, unit takes over

the 50th Main Support Battalion ran 165 convoys to U.S. bases throughout north-central Iraq

Its soldiers, part of the 42nd Infantry Division-led Task Force Liberty, delivered 1,100 vehicles and their payloads of water, fuel, ammunition and other necessities. Then they turned around and brought more vehicles and supplies back home to Forward Operating Base Speicher.

"It was a little steep to begin with," said Lt. Col. Roch Switlik, the battalion commander, because the task force had just taken the reins from the 1st Infantry Division. "We'll now average 15 to 20 CLPs a week, 60 to 100 vehicles a day

CLPs, pronounced "clips," stands for Combat Logistics Patrols, the new name for convoys, It's a name Switlik said better reflects the missions. when the battalion's well-armed Humvees and Hemett repair-recovery vehicles escorts tractor-trailers loaded with supplies

"Combat teams are out there looking for insurgents," Switlik said. "The insurgents are out there looking for us. Each level of play on the battlefield has its own level of risk.'

The 50th MSB took over for the 1st ID's 701st Main Support Battalion

"They didn't lose anybody," Switlik said of the 701st. "Obviously, some of it was luck. The majority of their success was because their soldiers were well trained and disciplined."

Going to school

Each convoy starts with a trip to the "CLP Academy," a warehouse converted by the 701st MSB into a briefing room. The soldiers assemble on wooden bleachers and are given a rundown of where they're going, how many vehicles are going, and the latest intelligence reports concerning the

There is a movie screen where Powerpoint presentations are shown, and on the cement floor is a 20-by-50 foot topographical map showing bases, routes, mountain passes and little red markers indicating the sites of previous attacks by insurgents - roadside explosives, small-arms fire and car hombs



Spc. Jessica Opatz, right, and other soldiers from the 50th Main Support Battalion listen to 1st Lt.
Jeff Nilsen inside the Combat Logistics Patrol Academy as he details an upcoming convoy.

"The soldiers need to know how serious it is every time they go out the gate," said Staff Sgt. Jason Shelledy, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 50th MSB's Company C

"They're going to do it every day. It's a routine. If they don't take it seriously somebody is going to get hurt. Every time they have to go out like it's the

Radio checks are made beforehand, and the soldiers test-fire their weapons into a huge bank of dirt before leaving the gate.

Talking the TOC

The battalion's tactical operations center runs around the clock. Its 10 soldiers chart the whereabouts of the convoys and relays information and orders. They brief the convoy commanders prior to and during missions.

"If something happens during a CLP, I want to know about it," said Master Sgt. Warren Williams, the center's noncommissioned officer-in-charge and a veteran of two tours in Vietnam

"We're the lifeline of the operation," Williams said, "especially when we've got CLPs out there on the [road]. Communication and teamwork is impor-

The crew works 12-hour shifts, some from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the rest from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The routine can make for long days but they find ways to stay on the ball.

"One, we have an important job," said Sgt. Robert Augustine. "And two, we have fun with each other, and that keeps us motivated.

- Charlie Coon

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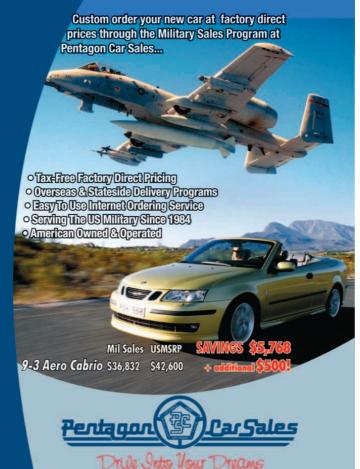
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3rd Task Force 2-7 member gets Silver Star



Col. John M. Murray, left, the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division commander, presents the Silver Star to Sgt. Benny J. Alicea, 33, of Attleboro, Mass., on Saturday at Camp Taji, Iraq

Sergeant saved six fellow troops during a battle in Fallujah

Stars and Strings

CAMP TAJI, Iraq - On the eve before

going home, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Task Force handed out a third Silver Star. Sgt. Benny J. Alicea, 33, of Attleboro, Mass., earned the medal in Fallujah when he saved the lives of six fellow squad members during a November firefight with insurgents - despite suffering shrapnel wounds from two grenades.

"Sgt. Alicea epitomizes what's great about our Army," said Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, the 2-7 Cavalry commander. "He's a young, disciplined warrior who's willing to give his life in the protection of his com-

The 850-member task force, which is returning to Fort Hood, Texas, garnered dozens of decorations during the past year, the majority surfacing from its participation in the Fallujah and Najaf campaigns. Be-tween those two battles, 2-7 collected 17 Bronze Star Medals for valor and 63 Army Commendation Medals

Set. Mathew Zedwick of Corvallis, Ore.

received a Silver Star two weeks ago. Honored posthumously with a Silver Star, Spc. Jose A. Velez, 23, of Lubbock, Texas, was killed by a sniper as he stood over wounded comrades in Fallujah on Nov. 13

That same day, Alicea - then a specialist serving as a rifleman and grenadier in Company A — and others went door to door, rounding up terrorist suspects, when they were ambushed at a two-story house along the primary north-south road in Falluiah.

Dropping back into the courtyard, with gunfire spraying out of the house and from across the street, he was struck in the hip and buttocks by shrapnel from two grenades that had been rolled through the front door

Moving away from the courtyard, the squad headed for the street. After continuing to fire on the house. Alicea was the last to emerge.

"That's when my leg gave out on me, and I just dropped," said Alicea, who huddled into a position alongside three wounded comrades in the middle of the road as multiple rounds flew all around them

"I just kept firing my weapon, just shooting, waiting to get hit. I'd pretty much figured at any given point, it was all over. I just kept firing my weapon, but I didn't think I was going to make it through it."

When his own ammunition was exhausted, he grabbed magazines from the wounded and managed to protect the position until another Bradley fighting vehicle ar-rived on the scene. He helped load the most seriously injured soldiers before finally being taken away himself.

Alicea spent five days recovering, and his squad suffered four casualties and the loss of Velez. That made Saturday's award bittersweet.
"It feels good," he said, "but like I said, I

miss Velez all the time. It's an honor to re-ceive the award, but when I look at it. I see pened that day. 'It's been a tough year for us. We've

done things that I don't think any other unit could do. We've pushed it a lot and taken some losses. I'm just happy a lot of us are going home.

Patrols: Miles and miles full of suspicion

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The Humvee driver veers toward those who are driving toward the vehicle, and the aimed gun and big Humvee bumper cause the motorists to submit, null over and stop.

"You gotta play chicken with them," Jaludi said

Some trash sitting by the side of the road causes Jaludi to duck down in his turret - just in case. The convoy leaves Tikrit and

enters a barren land of dirt and rocks, hills and crevices and the occasional sheep farmer.

Three men stand in a field. The suspicious Americans watch them closely, trying to determine if they are innocent bystanders or surgents that the convoy is applotting insurgents.

Meanwhile, a piece of cargo comes unfastened from one of the trucks. At the next open stretch the convoy grinds to a halt and the soldiers scramble to set up a perimeter around the vehicles. guns pointing and eyes darting, while others clamp down the

The engines fire back up and the convoy rolls, and mile after mile each suspicious object and person draws a long hard stare. On the way back from FOB Warrior a flare in the distance shoots into the sky as the convoy rolls toward it. It might be a signal by inproaching. It might not be any-

After the convoy, Jaludi, in his distinct New Jersey accent, describes a few of his thoughts while up in the turret.

"I had three of them just staring me down," he said of the three men in the field. "Three farmers, their faces are covered up. And I look at them, and they're just looking at you.
"The little shack by the side of

the road? You see it every time. So maybe today I'm not going to look at it. That's the day someone might be in there.'

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On the lookout on the road

To the trained eye, even something not there can be a potential threat. Around Iraq, troops must quickly decide what's dangerous and what's safe Here are some of the common signs soldiers in the 50th Main Support Battalion look for:

No kids playing: If children are not outside playing in their normal locations, it could mean something is afoot.

Freshly dug holes: Insurgents use holes either on the pavement or alongside it to hide bombs along a convoy route. Most of Iraq's roads, however, have broken sections and often are covered in a spider web of cracks. The shoulders also have many holes and crevices.

Trees, especially leafy ones: Many of the trees in the median and along the highways have been cut down because insurgents use them to hang bombs (at about 8- to 10-feet high, the same height of the exposed gunners riding atop a Bradley, Humvee or light-armored vehicle).

Crowded places: At places such as gas stations or busy intersections or markets, insurgents know that U.S. troops are hesitant to fire into a crowd.

Checkpoints: Insurgents have been targeting places where Iraqi security forces accumulate.

Dead animals on the road: The corpse of a big

dog like those used by Iraqi sheep herders is large enough under which to hide a bomb. They've also been used to cause military vehicles to veer around the animal and onto a planted IED. Insurgents have also used live donkeys to carry IEDs.

Motorcyclists: Motorcycles are nimble enough to come from off the road into a convoy, from which the driver or passenger can lob a grenade then make a quick getaway.

People: Ones standing suspiciously next to the road could be a suicide bomber. A man standing from 20 to 100 yards off the road could be hiding a rocket-propelled-grenade and launcher.

Pieces of tire treads, rock piles or scrap metal: Iraq's roadsides are strewn with them, and they have been used to conceal roadside bombs

Vehicles suddenly appearing: It is understood that vehicles are supposed to pull off to the side of the road when a military-escorted convoy is coming through. If a person races up from an adjoining field, or if one veers toward a convoy or approaches rapidly from behind, it could be a car filled with ex-

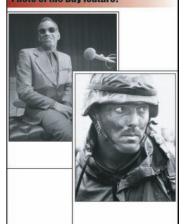
Flares, kites and puffs of smoke ahead: Insurgents have used them to signal that a convoy is ap-

Unusual manmade rock formations or unnatural objects: They have been placed along roadsides by insurgents who use them as markers to time rocket-propelled-grenade launches or bomb detona-

Narrow mountain passes: These areas are perfect places for ambushes.

— Charlie Coon

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IN THE WORLD

U.S., Italy relations being tested once again

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON The Associated Press

ROME - Italy and the United States have been consistently close allies since World War II, but the relationship has had to survive such tough tests as a military standoff over Washington's bid to capture a Palestinian guerrilla leader in Sicily and the killing of 20 people when a Marine

jet sliced a ski gondola's cables. Premier Silvio Berlusconi must now manage the latest crisis, set off when American troops in Iraq killed an Italian intelligence officer involved in the release of an Italian journalist held hostage for

With President Bush calling Berlusconi to assure him the shooting would be investigated, both sides appeared to be moving swiftly to contain the

Defense Minister Antonio Martino was called by his American counterpart, Donald Rumsfeld, and the Italian said he felt "sure that investigations will shed full light on the circumstances that led to the tragic epilogue of the af-

The slaving of the intelligence

agent, as he was driving with journalist Giuliana Sgrena to Baghairport shortly after her release, raised the

political stakes for Berlusconi. Sgrena, who was held for a month, writes for the left-wing newspaper Il Manifesto which opposes the deployment of

Italian troops in Iraq. Berlusconi has forged a close relationship with Bush, sending

fair," the Defense Ministry said 3,000 troops after the fall of Saddam Hussein to help in reconstruc-

He acted despite wide opposition to the war in the streets rainbow peace flag hangs from a window beside his Rome resi-dence — in part to give Italy a greater voice in international af-

Italy's two continental rivals France and Germany, opposed the war.

When news of the killing reached him Friday night, Berlusconi summoned the American ambassador and demanded that someone be held responsible.

fire on her car as it approached an American checknoint and that Nicola Calipari, the Italian agent who won her freedom, died in her arms after he tried to shield her from the gunfire. She has disputed U.S. military accounts that the was speeding toward the checkpoint and that the Americans used hand and arm signals. flashing white lights and fired warning shots to get the car to

stop at the roadblock. Berlusconi's political allies, however, cautioned against using Calipari's killing as an excuse to pull out the troops.

China warns U.S., Japan not to include Taiwan in military alliance

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BY JOE MCDONALD

The Associated Press

BEIJING - China's foreign minister warned Japan and the United States on Sunday not to include Taiwan within the scope of their military alliance, saying Beijing would not permit interference in what it considers an inter-

The Communist Beijing government claims Taiwan, split from the mainland in 1949, as part of its territory and has threatened to attack if the island declares formal independence

"Any practice of putting Taiwan directly or indirectly into the scope of Japan-U.S. security cooperation constitutes an encroachment on China's sovereignty and interference into China's internal affairs," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said at a news conference held during the annual meeting of China's legislature

"The Chinese government and the people are firmly against such activities," he said. Li's com-ments came two weeks after China reacted angrily to a joint U.S.-Japanese declaration that reaffirmed the two governments' security arrangements and said they wanted to see the "peaceful

resolution" of Taiwan's status. China's legislature is preparing to enact an anti-secession law that officials say is meant to dis-courage Taiwan from trying to make its de facto independence permanent. Taiwanese leaders say the measure could set the

stage for an attack on the island. Washington is Taiwan's main arms supplier and could be drawn into any conflict over the island. Li repeated Chinese criticisms of U.S.-Japanese alliance as a Cold War relic and said such coop-

"If it goes beyond a bilateral scope definitely it will allow uneasiness on the part of Asian countries and also bring about complicating factors to the regional security situation," he said.

Beijing regards Japan as its main rival for status as East Asia's dominant military power and responds angrily to any suggestion that Tokyo might extend the reach of its forces





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Syria to pull back troops in Lebanon

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Syrian troops will begin redeploying toward eastern Lebanon on Monday in a pullback that will take two or three days, Lebanon's defense minister said Sunday.

Abdul-Rahim Murad said the withdrawal from Mount Lebanon and northern Lebanon toward the Bekaa Valley would begin directly after a Damascus meeting of the presidents of the two coun-

Also Sunday, the leader of the Hezbollah militant group called for a massive demonstration in Beirut this week against international interference in Lebanon, to counter the weeks of anti-Syrian protests here

The redeployment of the 14,000 Syrian troops to the Bekaa is the first phase of a two-step pullback that Syrian President Bashar Assad outlined in a speech to parliament on Saturday. His announcement, however, left it un-

would eventually leave Lebanon or remain inside the country near the border

Later Saturday, Syrian Immigrant Affairs Minister Buthaina Shaaban indicated Syrian troops would withdraw completely from Lebanon.

The details of the withdrawal were to be finalized in a Monday meeting of the Supreme Syrian Lebanese Council which comprise es the top leadership of both coun-

Meanwhile, Jordan's foreign minister met Israeli leaders on Sunday, the first such visit in more than four years, signifying renewed diplomatic efforts to resolve long-standing regional conflicts involving Israel, the Pales-

tinians, Syria and Lebanon. Jordanian Foreign Minister Hani al-Mulqi called for intense peace efforts in meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, just before Shalom left for Washington.



World Championship Tour surfers and locals surfers ride on the world's longest surfboard Saturday to set an unofficial Guinness World Record in Australia's Gold Coast. The attempted record breaking is part of the "Tsunamirun," a charity set up to raise funds for tsunami victims. The 40-foot board, created by shaper Nev

Dude, that's a big surfboard

More than 40 surfers ride wave into the record books

The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia - More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian

beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003. More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide

board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper Nev Hyman, arrived by semitrailer. More than 20 people carried it to the surf.

The riders at the Queensland state tourist city

Gold Coast, where the Quik-silver and Roxy Pro surf 44 It was the best four minutes of mu surfing life. 77 board shaper

Nev Hyman

competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny Wills.

Newspaper reports of how many riders took part ranged from 44 to 47. Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was

worth the monthlong effort to build the board. "It was the best four minutes of my surfing life. It went in strong and straight," Hyman told Queensland's The Sunday Mail newspaper.

The board that set the 2003 record was 36 feet

Sinn Fein leader urges man's killers to confess

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland - Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Sunday that the killers of a Belfast man have dragged his party and the outlawed IRA "into the dirt" and demanded that they "be men" and admit their crime

Sinn Fein's annual conference, which ends Sunday, has been overshadowed by the Jan. 30 slay-ing of Robert McCartney, who fatally beaten and stabbed by IRA members. Nobody has been charged, even though the attack began in a crowded pub.

McCartney's sisters, who live in a hard-line Catholic district of Belfast that is a power base of the IRA, have waged an exceptional public campaign highlighting the intimidation of witnesses and the killers' careful cleanup of forensic evidence.

Detectives say not a single witness has provided a statement identifying the attackers, making it impossible to bring charges

Sinn Fein, which initially criticized police efforts to identify the killers and denied IRA involvement, have been forced to change tack because of the McCartney campaign. Last week Sinn Fein sus nended seven members allegedly involved, following an IRA move to expel three of its members.

On Saturday, four of McCartney's sisters traveled to Dublin to sit in the front row of the Sinn Fein conference to hear Adams appeal for McCartney's killers to hand themselves in. He returned to the theme Sunday.

McCartney's killers brought the good name of (Irish) republicanism into the dirt," said Adams, whom the Irish government identifies as an IRA com-

"Those who did the deed should come forward - should be men and should come forward and redeem themselves." he said

However, the McCartney family said it remains unsatisfied that witnesses will come forward



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Experts: Islamic terror groups actively recruiting in Germany

Militants said to be using Iraq war to mobilize fighters

By DAVID RISING

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Islamic terrorist groups are becoming increasingly active in Germany, coordinating with militants across Europe to recruit fighters for the insurgency in Iraq and to supply the recruits with fake passports, money and medical supplies, security officials say.

One of the best examples of the cross-continent cooperation involves an Algerian man arrested in Germany and now on trial in Italy for allegedly helping Muslims from Somalia, Egypt, Iraq and Morocco recruit some 200 militants from around Europe to

fight in Iraq.

Many in Germany's Islamic communities have shown sympathy for Muslims who took part in the jihad, or holy war, in places like Chechnya or Bosnia, but authorities say since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, a growing number of sympathizers are

taking an active role themselves.
"The war in Iraq has somehow mobilized this scene so that people who before just had some sort of contact or sympathies with extremist groups now think they have to do something," Manfred Murck, deputy head of the Hamburg government agency that tracks extremists IndI The Associated Press.

"It's a main topic that brings people to action that they otherwise might not have taken. In past years they were talking about jihad, but not doing anything," he added.

Ansar al-Islam, an Iraq-based group with alleged links to al-Qaida and Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi who is leading attacks on U.S. and Iraqi security forces, has been under scrutiny for its efforts to channel money and fighters to Iraq from Germany and other European countries.

Though most German attention immediately following al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States was on Hamburg — where three of the four suicide hijackers had lived and studied — recent efforts have broadened across the country and

continent.

In December, three suspected members of Ansar al-Islam were arrested in Berlin on charges they were plotting to assassinate interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during his visit to Berlin that month.

"The Islamist scene in Germany is very well connected, and not only in Germany," a senior German intelligence official told AP, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Muslim activities are more globalist — more pan-European — than Europeans are."

In another major German case, 15 suspects—
some connected with Ansar al-Islam and Al-Tawhid,
another terror group linked to al-Zarqawi—were
picked up in nationwide raids in mid-January that
centered on the twin southern cities of Ulm and
Neu-Ulm. The suspects included nationals of Germa
y, Egypt, Tumisia, Algeria, Libya and Bulgaria.

London's ex-police chief warns of terror threat

The Associated Dec

LONDON — The recently retired head of London's police force said in a newspaper article published Sunday that at least 100 terrorists trained by Osama bin Laden are at large in Britain.

Sir John Stevens also said the threat justified tough anti-terror proposals, including placing suspects under house arrest without charge, that the government is struggling to get through Par-

"As you read this, there are at least 100 Osama bin Laden-trained terrorists walking Britain's streets," Stevens wrote in the News of the World weekly. "The number is probably nearer 200 ... the cunning of al-Qaida means we can't be

"But they would all commit devastating terror attacks against us if they could, even those born and brought up here," added Stevens, who retired as head of the Metropolitan Police last month.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government wants the new Prevention of Terrorism Bill to include the power to order sweeping controls on terror suspects, including house arrest, electronic tagging and bans on using the Internet and telephone.

Summit takes aim at terrorism

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Governments afflicted by extremist violence must address its causes if they hope to defeat it, not just strike back as the United States has done, say experts who will take part in a world conference on terrorism in Madrid this week.

Those causes include poverty, religious intolerance and failures to integrate a swelling tide of im-

"The consensus ... is a 'soft' power approach based on prevention — not like the United States has in mind, but (rather) with engagement with North African Muslim nations, economic development, assimilating and integrating immigrants into host nations," Charles Powell, a history professor at San Pablo-CEU University in Madrid, said in an interview.

The conference, which runs from Tuesday to Friday, brings together world leaders including U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and various heads of government or state, as well as about 180 experts from 50 countries.

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IN THE STATES

Governor calls for steroid crackdown

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Saturday he has urged body-building officials to crack down on steroid use and suggested calling a summit of the sport's leaders to discuss the problem.

Schwarzenegger, who admits using steroids on the way to seven Mr. Olympia titles, also said he would put pressure on two bodybuilding magazines where he is executive editor to become involved in the effort

"We have to step up the testing procedures, and find other ways, and be more aggressive with it," Schwarzenegger said at the Arnold Classic, the annual bodybuilding contest that bears his name

He said he suggested the summit and discussed the problem earlier Saturday with editors at the magazines Flex and Muscle & Fitness, as well as officials of the International Federation of Bodybuilding



Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzer nasts during the Arnold Classic in Columbus, Ohio.

Schwarzenegger also recommended changing the way bodybuilding is judged so that demonstration and display count more

than muscle size. Experts on bodybuilding and steroids say steroid use is common among elite bodybuilders.

Athletes are not tested at events, and experts say the IFBB's random testing is inadequate and ineffective.

Last year, Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill that would have created a list of banned substances for interscholastic sports and re-

on performance-enhancing supplements because he said it was too vague in defining supple-

Schwarzenegger reiterated Saturday that he would sign a bill that made sense, but also suggested no new laws are needed

Democrats have criticized the governor for sending mixed sig-nals about steroids. While saying he opposes drug use now, Schwarzenegger also said in a recent television interview that he does not regret using steroids in the 1970s because they were not illegal then.

Other critics have said his con tinued attendance at the Arnold Classic, where some of the athletes may be on steroids, sends the wrong mess At least one bodybuilder in this

year's competition has admitted using steroids; another spent time in jail for a steroid-related offense. Last year, federal agents investigating steroids served grand jury subpoenas at the Arnold Clas-

Dolphin investigation

KEY WEST, Fla and marine wildlife experts are investigating whether the beaching of dozens of dolphins in the Florida Keys followed the use of sonar by a submarine on a training exercise off the coast

More than 20 rough-toothed dolphins have died since Wednesday's beaching by about 70 of the marine mammals, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary spokeswoman Cheva Heck said Saturday.

A day before the dolphins swam ashore, the Groton, Conn.-based USS Philadelphia had conducted exercises with Navy SEALs off Key West, about 45 miles from Marathon, where the dolphins became stranded

Some scientists surmise that loud bursts of sonar may cause marine mammals to surface too quickly and suffer the equivalent of what divers know as the bends.

Selma, Ala. barbershop owner Floyd Tolbert stands Thursday by the **Edmund Pettus** Bridge in Selma. Tolbert has marched across the bridge every March since 1966 during the "Bloody Sunday remembrance, Al



More youths sought for Selma marches

The Associated Press

SELMA Ala - Barbershon Floyd Tolbert has owner marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge each year for nearly four decades in the annual celebration of the bloodied pilgrimage of 1965 that was a milestone in the voting rights movement.

But as some of the original marchers have grown too old to take part and others have died, not enough young people have the passion to take their places, he said "Older folks try to keep marching, but the younger people aren't getting into it," Tolbert said

March veterans and organizers want Sunday's 40th anniversary events to feel relevant to young people who were born long after the "Bloody Sunday" attack by club-wielding troopers and sheriff's deputies, who drove the marchers back over the bridge into Selma

This year's event was to feature appearances by the official tour band of "American Idol" star Ruben Studdard and rapper Lil Scrappy and R&B singer Syleena

al Voting Rights Museum and In stitute planned a "Hip- Hop/Civil Rights Summit."

Some are concerned the event has become too commercial, diluting the meaning of the protest that inspired passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. Among those leading Sunday's

anniversary march will be Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who was clubbed to the ground on Bloody Sunday. He will be joined by other members of Congress, ce-lebrities including Harry Belafonte, who marched in 1965, scores of activists and others

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Study-abroad program ended to protest Spain's Iraq policy

The Associated Pres

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. — Leaders of two community colleges in southern California have ended their schools' study-abroad program in Spain, citing the country's troop withdrawal from Iraq.

The trustees of the South Orange County Community College District, that includes Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College, voted 5-2 last week to cancel the 14-year-old summer program.

"Spain has abandoned our fighting men and women, withdrawing their support," said trustee Tom Fuentes. "I see no reason to send students of our colleges to Spain at this moment in history,"

our colleges to Spain at this moment in history."
Spain's new Socialist government, which came to
power in elections held days after the Madrid train
bombings that killed 191 people in March 2004, ful
filled an election promise to pull 1,300 Spanish

troops from Iraq last year.
The decision by Spain's former conservative government to send troops to Iraq had been deeply unpopular in the country.

Fuentes, a former head of the Republican Party in Orange County, said the Madrid train attack also raised concerns about student safety. The district serves nearly 35,000 students.

Although students were allowed to visit Spain three months after the bombings, Fuentes said "the terrorist situation is all the more prevalent and obvious today."

Trustees also cited the program's expense and potential liability to the school district, although they

approved a trip to Italy with higher daily costs.
"I'm still in shock," said Professor Carmenmara
Hernandez-Bravo, who runs the study-abroad program. "I cannot believe a community college can
put this much politics into academics."
Hernandez-Bravo plans to send videotapes of the

Hernandez-Bravo plans to send videotapes of the trustees' meeting to the Spanish Consulate in Los Angeles, the U.S. ambassador in Spain and the Spanish ambassador in Washington. She hopes officials will respond with letters trying to persuade the trustees the country is safe so they'll change their minds.



This Petco pet supplies store in Eatontown, N.J., was damaged by an explosion on Friday. Authorities investigating the cause were looking into whether a gas pipeline ruptured by a work crew had been marked.

Cause of N.J. pet store explosion still unknown

BY CHRIS NEWMARKER
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — State investigators worked Saturday to determine what caused an explosion that leveled part of a pet store, injured five workers and apparently killed an unknown number of birds. reptiles and other animals.

Authorities were looking into whether a gas pipeline ruptured by a work crew had been properly marked, but state Board of Public Utilities spokeswoman Gloria Montealegre said it was too early to say exactly what caused the blast.

Much of the roof and floor of the Petco store in Eatontown collapsed into the basement Friday. Bits of shattered glass were strewn more than 50 vards from the store.

Four people remained hospitalized Saturday, two in critical condition, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. The fifth was released after treatment. The explosion occurred as em-

ployees were evacuating customers and animals after construction workers damaged an unmarked gas line outside the store

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and then smelled gas, said Shawn Underwood, spokesman for San Diego-based Petco Animal Supnlies Inc.

Volunteers with the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals worked until midnight to rescue about 25 parts and parakeets whose cages had fallen into unstable areas of the basement. Rescue workers built ramps into the basement to help with the effort. No more recues were conducted Saturday.

More than 100 small animals, including guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice and rats also were rescued, and buckets of fish were taken to nearby Petco stores in Woodbridge and Edison. Many other animals were believed to have been killed.

A representative of Long Branch-based J.F. Kiely Construction Co. had contacted the state's One Call hot line before digging as required by law, said John M. Kiely, the company's secretary and treasurer.

The state's One Call system notifies utilities of impending work so they can mark the location of pipelines.

Bono for president?

WASHINGTON — Treasury secretary John Snow on Sunday would not rule out the idea of Irish singer Bono, an activist on debt relief and AIDS, making the short list of potential candidates to lead the World Bank even though an American is expected to get the job.

"He's somehody I admire," Snow said. "Most people know him as a rock star. He's in a way a rock star of the development world, too. He understands the give-and-take of development world, too. He understands the give-and-take of development and idealistic person," said Snow who is part of a US. team working on finding a successor to James Wolfensohn, who is stepping down as head of the development. I The United States have not been supported by the said of the development has not alone. The United States have not been supported by the said of the development has not alone. The bank traditionally has had and American president.

From The Associated Press

9 suspended for 'burn baby burn' comments

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Five police officers and four dispatchers were suspended for sending computer messages after a nightclub caught fire joking about the blaze and quoting a line from the song "Disco Inferno" — "burn baby burn."

Witnesses at the Midtown Live club saw the "burn baby burn" message on the computer screen inside an officer's patrol car during the

Feb. 18 fire. Police Chief Stan Knee said a commander and corporal who responded to the scene worked to calm angry witnesses.

The club has a mostly black clientele, and there were suggestions after the fire that the messages revealed racial bias in the department.

Documents released Friday indicate after hearing a transmission about the fire, Officer John Lengefeld sent a message from his patrol car to officer Josue Martinez saying "burn baby burn."





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Doonesbury defended

Wow! A Marine colonel based in Iraq is offended that Doonesbury is in Stars and Stripes (letter, "Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap,' Feb. 28). By gosh, get rid of it immediately. We wouldn't want the good colonel to have to deal with any opinions he doesn't like.

Hmmm! Didn't the Marines just help overthrow a dictator who had those same thoughts? Come on, colonel, wake up. There are actually liberals as well as con servatives in our military. Stars and Stripes reflects that with the two strips shown on the editorial pages, notice Doonesbury (on the left) and Mallard Fillmore (on the right). And if either strip bothers you, don't read it!

Gordon Uscier Würzburg, Germany

Drop Doonesbury? 'Absurd'

I found the letter disparaging Garry Trudeau's Doonesbury interesting, but sad.

Trudeau's work appears in over 1,400 daily newspapers and he was the first comic strip creator to receive a Pulitzer - and later was runner-up for a sec and Pulitzer Prize.

The job of an artist is to inspire people to think, often about unpopular topics or contentious issues. The fact the reader wrote his comment shows Trudeau is doing his - and the reader fell into "the trap His ranting was too emotional to be taken seriously. To demand a comic strip be discontinued is absurd. What the reader wants, I guess, is only journalism that agrees with his point of view. That way, he uld not have to think too hard.

I have been reading Doonesbury since high school — when Trudeau drew searing stories about the Vietnam War. I do not always agree with him, but I respect his in-telligence and skill. While I personally find Bruce Tinsley's comic strip Mallard Fillmore immature and at times pathetic, I would not think of demanding its cancella-

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It is amazing that we are in Iraq promoting democracy's freedoms, yet the writer wants to ban a comic strip he finds insults his opinion and questions America's goals That would be like promoting a totally secular government here [in Iraq], while promoting one that is becoming more and more "religious" back home. Hev — now there is an idea for your next strip,

> Col. Charles Mitchell Baghdad

Two soldiers' opinions

It is rather ironic that "General: Bush visit memorable" (letter, Feb. 25) and "Armor article misleading" (letter, Feb. 25) found themselves in the same edition of Stars and Stripes, for the simple reason that we had the opportunity to divide the military involvement from the political

(Commander of the 1st Armored Division) Mai, Gen, Martin E, Dempsey's letter is political and sounds like sucking up to our wartime (his words) commander in

chief. The commander in chief is the same

in peace and in war.

The courageous captain [writing 'Armor article misleading' from Iraq] is more concerned about his troops.

As an old soldier, I would be proud to follow the captain anywhere, any time, for you have the guts to truly be a soldier's soldier, where your men come first. God bless you. All your men should be proud of

Alexander J. Fiore Camp Darby, Italy

In support of Terry Schiavo

In regard to "Deadline set for Schiavo (article, Feb. 27), I wanted to thank you for presenting fair and balanced reporting.

The article is one of the few I've seen that has reported the conflict of interest that Terry Schiavo's husband has: He is living with another woman, has two children with her, and stands to inherit a large sum upon Terry's death.

I strongly feel that if people learned more about this story — and knew that there are reports of Terry smiling and laughing when she is with her parents they would understand the parents' point of view

It's important to understand that she is being kept alive by food and water, which is the same thing that keeps all of us alive. Terry simply receives it through a tube. I received a fund-raising letter in the mail from her parents: A doctor told them that there is a possibility Terry could eat again by mouth if she receives rehabilitation. In any case, death by starvation and dehydration, which is how she would die, is painful

This case will certainly set a precedent on feeding tubes and medical powers of attorney. I hope that Terry's husband will relinquish care to her parents, and she will be treated with the dignity and respect that all human beings deserve.

Carole Hart

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

A worthy message muzzled by bureaucrats

The Washington Post

epartment of Defense Directive No. 1344.10, a torturously de tailed regulation that runs to 12 pages of references, responsibilities, requirements, definitions and examples, is the Pentagon's last word on the subject of "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty." To summarize and condense: They are prohibited.

Anthony Brown, an Army reservist serving in Iraq, recently ran afoul of the directive when he recorded a speech to be delivered in the Maryland House of Delegates. where, in his civilian life, Lt. Col. Brown serves as a delegate from Prince George's County. The speech was about George

Washington and was originally meant to be played at the State House in Annapolis on Presidents Day. The Army, once it got word of the plan, vetoed it. The merits of the directive, which is in-

tended mainly to safeguard the military's political neutrality, are plain enough. But that neutrality would not have been much compromised by Lt. Col. Brown's elegant tribute to the nation's first president, who, like Lt. Col. Brown himself, was a citizen-soldier who turned to politics.

Paraphrasing Washington's own words from 1775, upon his arrival in New York during the Revolutionary War, the draft of Lt. Col. Brown's address spoke for plenty of today's men and women in uniform "When the war is over, soldiers return home; they return to a place that is far better than where they fought; but they fought to make better not only those places far from home, but home itself." Lt. Col. Brown's own experiences as a re-

servist in Baghdad have been marked by frustration, danger and determination, As a lawyer working to help displaced Iraqis, he has had to lower his expectations and draw out his projected time line for success; he estimates it will take five years to establish the mechanisms of a functioning government and bureaucracy. Halfway through his yearlong deployment, Lt. Col. Brown stands as a reminder to his stateside colleagues and constituents of the sacrifice that reservists and other American citizen-soldiers make in wartime. For now, Lt. Col. Brown has lost his

voice in the Maryland House of Delegates. But his stature is undiminished

Doonesbury









BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

When you've got good PR, who needs shame?

text1By Margaret Carlson

e crossed one threshold of shame back when stars fighting addiction became "Entertainment Tonight" staples. Gone was Ad with its anonymity. In was Betty Ford. Far from being an impediment, detox turned out to be a good career move.

Now we've crossed another threshold with Mar-Martha is havina tha Stewart emerging from doing time at Alderher comeback Federal Prison Camp more marketable without even than when she went in The Old Martha was on admitting what cable (except for those occasional short segshe did was ments paired with a Cuisinart on the third-rated wrong or "CBS Morning News"). The New Martha, who apologizing to the will be under house arrest for five months at poor schlubs who 153-acre Bedford N.Y., estate, has escaped bought the stock the ghetto of high-numbered chanshe unloaded just nels to breathe the clear before it tanked. air of the networks with two new shows, one of which is the only sanc-

tioned spinoff of Donald Trump's show, "The Apprentice." She's so hot, ankle bracelets could become stylish.

I'm all for ex-cons going on to lead fulfill ing lives once they've paid their debt, but I do think they ought to start with a small show of remores. Martha is having her comeback without even admitting what he did was wrong or apologizing to the poor schlubs who bought the stock she unloaded just before it tanked. At least drug recidivist Robert Downey Jr. pleaded for forgiveness before his comeback.

I had moments of sympathy for Martha, especially when I felt the prosecutor had gone too far. Men engage in insider trading every day at lunch. Was Martha singled out for trading while female? Then, when the prosecutor couldn't get her for the un-

derlying crime, he sent her to jail for making false statements. Some of her sentence had to be for just being so uppity and so devoted to table settings and glue guns. So I was proud of her for taking her lumps like a man when so few men in her situation do. (Enron's Ken Lay, who plundered his company, leaving hundreds of clerks and secre-

taries penniless, is still hiding behind lawyers in a Houston mansion.)

sund. still, did she need to be so defant about it? She went into prison early (deciding not to wait until her appeals were concluded), but only so she could be out in time for planting season. Only rappers get to be that remorseless. Snoop Dogg can be that remorseless can be the still be still be the still be stil

After serving 22 months, for instance, Michael Milken devoted himself to his ongoing

philanthropic efforts and raising money for cancer research. Wealthy real-estate developer and Sotheby Chairman A. Alfred Taubman, who was ratted out by his assistant, returned to polite society after serving nearly a year for price fixing to give away even more money than before. He's also restoring the riverfront in depressed inner-city Detroit.

Martha shares something with them: They all came out looking better physically than when they went in. Taubman was noticeably svelter after a diet absent foie gras. Martha lost weight and the helmet coif. Milken learned there was life without a tounce.

What she doesn't have in common with old-time white-collar felons is shame. And that's the reason "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart" ultimately won't work for her. It's



one thing if she were just returning to a show where she painted her henhouse aubergine and awoke at dawn to gather dewy grass for a spring centerpiece. It's quite another to hold herself up as the role model for budding entrepreneurs. Really, there's got to be some morality in a morality play. The program Martha's been training for

on the inside should really be called "Crine Spinnes." Her five months inside were all about spin — marketing her corporate turnaround and buffing her image. I lapped it all up: "Nice Spice Rack," screamed the New York Post after Martha reportedly lifted seasonings out of the prissor commissary and stuffed them in her bras. She taught yogo, helped immates write the most met adapted hanter cusine to the mi-

"Crime Spinners" would continue the effective work of her PR team. Each week would showcase a diverse and ever-changing group of panelists who would be tanglit how to succeed as an ex-con without being sorry. She could round up Bernie Ebers, Kenny Boy Lay, Dennis Kozlowski, Jack Grubman, Tom DeLay, (I'm assuming a litthe here, but some of these will appear second season.) She could teach the fine art of calligraphy when writing or endorsing checks of dubious provenance, how to use corporate aircraft for private vacations, securing loans that never have to be repaid and serving chamomile tea in fine china cups while doing it.

Trump could make a guest appearance to show how your companies can go bankrupt but you keep the jet, the mansions and the beach property.

She won't be able to call on fellow remorseless recent ex-con Lizzy Grubman, the PR person who mowed down 16 people with her Mercedes outside a club in the Hamptons. The minute she got out of prison, she began rehearsals for her own show on MTV. Crime catapulted her from pimping for starlets to being ont.

Shame is so last season. Let me this one time emulate the Donald: Martha, you're fired.

Carlson is a contributing editor of Time magazine and a panelist on CNN's "The Capital Gang," This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Reaching out to American women, through their stomachs

Chicago Tribune

T's not the Statue of Liberty, the liberation of Paris or Brigitte Bardot, but the book "French Women Don't Get Franco-American relations. The author, Mircelle Guiliano, was born and raised in France but professes to love America. Loves it so much, she's willing to impart

a little diet and lifestyle advice our way.

There aren't many diet books that extol the virtues of bread and chocolate for 24 pages and include recipes for such delights as croissants (made with 12 tablespoons of sweet butter), baguettes and chocolate rice pudding (don't forget the 3 ounces of dark chocolate).

But this is more of a trans-Atlantic living and eating primer by a woman who bulked up so much when she was an exchange student in the United States that her father said she resembled a sack of potatoes when she got home.

Married to an American, she lives in New York and is president and CEO of Clicquot Inc.

Is there a different mindset that makes Americans more prone to gain weight than their French counterparts? Guiliano seems to think so. "The wisdom of the French way of eating and living, and in particular the uncanny power of French women to stay svelte, remains little understood, much less exploited," she wrote.

Part of that ability to stay svelte may lie in the French paradox — the French eat such rich foods yet have such a low rate of coronary disease. Moderate consumption of wine with meals might provide one answer for this medical riddle. But Guillano swer for this medical riddle. But Guillano

insists that differences between the French and the Americans go far beyond that.

Her message: Drink plenty of water, eat more fruits and vegetables, go for quality

more fruits and vegetables, go for quality not quantity, make dining an occasion. No low-carb miracle fads, just a simple approach more easily understood than the latest food pyramid.

"French women eat for pleasure." Guil-

iano wrote. "French women don't diet."

Some American critics have snidely countered that many French women also smoke, enabling them to control their weight at a cost to their health. Whatever the truth to the dietary mystery, Guiliano's book is a runaway hit here.

Divided by so much lately, the French and the Americans can finally agree on something: Good food, in moderate quantity, yields a good life.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Stewart's image comes full circle

Domestic queen's prison term boosted her appeal, company

BY JIM FITZGERALD The Associated Pres

NEW YORK - At trial, she came off as Mean Martha: rude, demanding, cheap, the kind of person who would threaten to pull her business from a brokerage because she didn't like the music she heard when her call was on hold.

Then she went to prison and turned into St. Martha: advocate for the oppressed, friend to the lonely and forager for wild greens to spice up the jailhouse food. And on Friday, her first day outside the lockup, she waved graciously, chatted amiably and served hot cocoa to the press.

The transformation of Martha Stewart's image dates to five months ago, when she called a news conference to announce she was reporting to prison early, despite a pending legal appeal.

Wearing a white suit against a backdrop of color swatches. Stew art projected a change in attitude that has helped repair her repu-

tation and propel her company forward again.

Indeed, stock prices for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which had lagged, quickly doubled. And as she worked off time in a West Virginia prison, scrubbing floors and picking dandelion greens, she found herself popular enough to be given starring roles in two upcoming TV shows.

"The thing about Americans is we like throwing you to the ground, and making you cry uncle," image consultant Eric Dezenhall said. "But if you do cry uncle we'll let you up."

Stewart's tasteful, if chilly, image had taken a beating in trial testimony. Jurors laughed when Douglas Faneuil, an assistant to Stewart's stockbroker, told the court she went into a tirade when she was nut on hold, complaining about how had the music was and threatening to leave if it wasn't changed.

The daily news coverage of her entering the courthouse, accompanied by details about her pricey handbags or stylish heels.

When she was sentenced in July, a still-unrepentant Stewart said her "small personal matter" had become "an almost fatal cir-cus event of unprecedented proportions." She also took the opportunity to boldly pitch her products and her magazine



Martha Stewart waves Saturday as she walks at her home in Katonah, N.Y. Stewart, who landed two new TV shows while in iail. will spend the next five months on house arrest after completing a five-month prison term last week in Alderson, W.Va.

This was not the prim, proper and controlled Martha Stewart who had amassed a billion-dollar domestic empire by being adored

as an expert tastemaker in millions of homes around the country. Then, on Sept. 15, Stewart asked the judge to start her sentence as soon as passible. She lamented she would miss her dogs and her horses, her cats and her canaries, and wanted to be home in time to plant a spring garden.

And she came closer than ever to contrition, saying she wanted to end the "immense difficulty, immense sacrifice and immense agony" the ordeal had caused those close to her.

Three weeks later, Stewart was fingerprinted and strip-searched at the federal prison in Alderson, W.Va., then assigned a bunk bed in a building with 60 inmates and two showers. On Thursday, she paid for a flatbed truck that would give photog-

raphers a better view of her departure from West Virginia, the airport manager said. And on Friday, back at her estate in New York Stewart barely waited for the sun to come up before delighting the encamped reporters and photographers by appearing outside. The topper was when she sent out paper cups of hot cocoa.
"Whatever she did, it doesn't rank with Enron," ESP investment club member Maggie Klein, said. "I guess I'm in the camp where I

think they just picked on her.

As he leaves anchor chair. Rather vows loyalty to CBS

NEW YORK - Despite the stink of Memogate, the nasty shots from colleagues, and the indignity of relinquishing his an-chor chair a year before he had planned, Dan Rather still pledges allegiance to CBS.

"For better or worse, I love this place and the people in it," he says in an interview. "I am loyal to it, without apology." Rather, 73, ends his

unprecedented 24-year run as anchor and managing editor Evening of "CBS News" on Wednes. day. Bob Schieffer, takes over the 68 newscast Thursday on an interim basis.

"I want to italicize, underscore, put in all capital letters, that I am not retiring. I am changing jobs," says

Rather, who joins "60 Minutes Wednesday" as full-time correspondent.

Rather has been wounded by outsiders throughout his 43 years at CBS, but his

own coworkers hurt him last week In a profile by Ken Auletta in the March 7 issue of the New Yorker, CBS's Walter Cronkite and Mike Wallace said Rather was stiff and hard to watch and that they preferred

the competition. Wallace apologized. It's no secret that Rather wanted his finale to be March 9, 2006 - exactly 25 years after he succeeded Cronkite.

But CBS pressured Rather to move up the date when its appointed independent panel began investigating the memo about Presi-dent Bush's National Guard service, several high-ranking network executives say.

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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

■ Boomers plan to change ca-

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

A generation of retirees

NEW YORK - Baby boomers are changing the face of retire-

Unlike previous generations, when retirement was viewed as a time to wind down, baby boomers plan to spend their golden years cycling between work and leisure. So reports "The New Retirement Survey" from Merrill Lynch and Harris

The report concludes that haby boomers are creating a whole new life stage. Here's

■ Boomers are retiring later. Members of the baby-boom generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) are expected to live an average seven years longer than their narents. As a result, many don't plan to retire by age 65, but instead work longer to further their goals, according to the survey of 4,448 in that age category.

reers. Seventy-six percent plan

to "retire" from one job in their 60s, only to jump into another job or another career entirely. While past generations pursued activities such as board memberships or country-club presidencies, the boomers are making their lifelong passions happen opening their own business, say, or turning a love of cooking into a career as a chef.

■ Boomers are actively engaging their minds. Some boomers (37 percent) will continue to work for the money; 67 percent say they want to feel challenged and stay mentally active. Their desires are fueling how they will spend their retirement, bouncing between work and leisure

■ Boomers are making retirement about the younger generations

Retirement is typically a "me" time for relaxation and fulfilling life dreams and pursuits. But boomers say they are making it into a "we" time, often putting the needs of their children, parents and community before their own needs.

After 30 years, can suspect in BTK killings get a fair trial?

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN The Associated Press

WICHITA Kan - As the case of the man accused of being the BTK serial killer moves through the legal system, one issue is sure to come up: Can Dennis Rader get a fair trial in a city shaken by the killings for three decades? Rader was charged Tuesday with 10 counts of first-degree murder and is being held on a \$10 million bond for the "Bind, Torture, Kill" murders beginning in 1974. His three public defenders did

not return telephone calls seeking comment, but one of Rader's attorneys also told a local television station that he planned to seek a competency hearing. Experts say the attorneys are

also likely to file a motion requesting the trial be moved out of Wichita, where media coverage has been intense.

Rader's arrest was jubilantly announced before the families of the BTK victims in a televised news conference in which Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams set off applause by declaring: "The bottom line: BTK is arrest-

"It would be hard for anybody

to get a fair trial if it is preceded by an hour-long publicly broad-cast infomercial about law enforcement opinions about the ac-cused's guilt," said Wichita attorney Dan Monnat.

Still, experts change-of-venue request is unlikely to gain much traction. The tactic has not worked in other high-profile



Wichita cases such as the trial Jonathan and Regi nald Carr, two brothers convicted in crime spree that

1eft Wichita resi-

dents dead.

"I don't recall a case ever having a change of venue here," said Jay Greeno, the attorney who represented Reginald Carr in that

Rader's preliminary hearing has been set for March 15, although the district attorney's office said it expects the hearing to be postponed.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain and snowshowers.
Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday lows in the upper 30s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the mid to upper 20s.

France: Partly to mostly cloudy. In the Trainer: Farry to mostly clodes, with north, highs in the lower 40s with Tuesday lows in the mid 30s. In the south, highs in the lower 50s with Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Northern Germany: Cloudy with iso-lated snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Tuesday lows in the upper 20s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday lows in the mid to upper

Hungary: Cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the mid 20s.

Northern Italy: Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Tuesday lows in the 30s. Southern Italy: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the 40s. Tuesday lows in the lower 30s.

Kosovo: Cloudy with snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the lower 20s.

Norway: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Tuesday lows in the mid 20s to mid 30s.

Portugal, Spain: Sunny to party cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to upper 50s. In the north, Tuesday lows in the low to mid 30s. In the south, Tuesday lows in the lower 40s

Turkey: Mostly cloudy to cloudy. In the north and inland, highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s with Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to low 30s. In the south and west, highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s with Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

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Men hit by train

MD ROCKVILLE — An Amtrak train struck and killed one man and seriously injured another just outside Washington at the height of the evening commuter rush.

along the tracks behind a shopping center when they were hit, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Piringer said.

No one aboard the Chicago-bound Capital Limited train was injured, Amtrak spokeswoman Sarah Swain said. **AMERICAN**

ROUNDUP

Army-type knife attached to his

shoe inside his carry-on luggage when Saylor went back through

the screening area a second time,

Saylor said the knife was a gift

from a friend that he did not want

Illegal immigrant rights

deny some government benefits to

illegal immigrants, advocates for

limiting immigration are pressing

lawmakers to enact even more re-

strictions on those who sneak into

Opponents question whether the

proposed changes - this time to

education - would do much to

stem the flood of illegal immigra-

tion into Arizona, the busiest ille-

gal entry point on the nation's southern border.

the federal government hasn't

done enough to fulfill its responsi-

hility to enforce laws already on

the books; in response, Arizona

lawmakers have proposed several

bills this year to address the issue.

November denies some govern-

ment services to immigrants and

The voter initiative approved in

But both sides of the debate say

PHOENIX — Four months

after residents voted to

The knife was later found in a

key chain, police said.

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to give up.

the country.

Authorities identified the dead man as Raymond Whitley, 25, of Rockville. Keon Kelly, 23, also of Rockville, was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries.

'Frozen Dead Guy' fun

BOULDER—Over the last three years, the cryogenically frozen body of a Norwegian man has become the centerpoint of a quirky winter festival in a small Colorado mining town.

"Grandpa" Bredo Morstoel, who died in 1989, was frozen by his grandson and stored in a shed in Nederland, a town 35 miles northwest of Denver that began celebrating "Frozen Dead Guy Days" in 2002 to increase tourism.

Now the man's daughter, 75-year-old And Morstoel, is hold not sold in John Norway's King Harald V and Queen Sonja will help her secure a visa to attend the festival. The royal couple also have been invited by Nederland's Chamber of Commerce to visit and "partake in the fun and parody of the weekend."

Theft plans gummed up

KNOXVILLE — Three people pleaded guilty to fishing money out of donation boxes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by using a wire clothes hanger with sticky chewing gum on one end.

Brian Keith Seal, 34; Liza Nicole Vanderpool-Chavez, 33, and Jerry L. Carter, 44, could get up to a year in federal prison at sentencing June 10 for misdemeanor theft.

Authorities said the three stole less than \$1,000 from the donation boxes, which were set up by a nonprofit group for maintenance and education projects at the park, which straddles the North Carolina-Tennessee line.

A park visitor reported seeing people acting suspiciously in a car stopped near a donation box last July. A ranger stopped the car and found dozens of sticky \$1 and \$5 bills and a straightened-out wire hanger with goo on the end

Judge caught with knife

PA HARRISBURG — A state Supreme Court justice said he paid a \$750 federal fine for trying to sneak a pocketknife on board an airplane last month.

"Really, my only comment is ... I did a really dumb thing, which I obviously regret," Justice Thomas G. Saylor Jr. said.

Saylor and his wife were going through a checkpoint for a flight from Harrisburg International Airport when screeners found a Swiss



Large tree lawsuit CA SACRAMENTO —

ney general sued the Bush administration over its management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument, home to two-thirds of the world's largest trees.

The federal plan adopted in December would illegally allow commercial logging in the 327,769-acre central California preserve, the suit alleges.

The plan also violates former President Clinton's April 2000 proclamation creating the reserve south of Sequoia National Park, which bans logging unless it is "clearly needed" for public or environmental protection, the suit says.

The U.S. Forest Service adhered closely to Clinton's proclamation, responded spokesman Matt Mathes. The timber cuts are needed for fire protection, he said, to safeguard sequoia groves that have been threatened before by wildfires.

Expanded moose hunt

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife hopes to issue more than 1,000 moose hunting permits for this fall's hunt and expand the season in a part of the Northeast Kinedom.

While additional moose permits will be issued statewide, the goal of the increase is to reduce the number of moose in parts of the Northeast Kingdom from about 2,400 to 1,400, said state moose biologist Cedric Alexander.

The 1,400 number is in line with the department's 1996 ID-year moose management plan and reflects the wishes of Northeast Kingdom residents. And the animals are causing environmental damage, Alexander said.

Alexander estimated the size of the state's moose herd at about 4,700 animals, slightly lower than a year ago.

Rare book thefts

LEXINGTON — Four men were indicted on robbery and art theft charges for allegedly taking rare works from a university library, including a first edition of Charles Darwin's 1859 volume on natural selection.

The men allegedly tried to sell the items to Christie's auction house in New York.

The men are accused of taking several items from the Transylvania University library, including Darwin's "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection," in which he first discussed his theory of evolution.

Also taken were a two-volume natural history published in the 1500s, pencil sketches by John James Audubon done in the 1850s and an illuminated manuscript written in 1425.

One of the men indicted is a Transylvania student; the others are current or former students at the University of Kentucky.



Give it all you got John Fulton, of Kansas City, Mo., lines up a "granny shot" from just inside the 3-point line on the basketball court at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.



Puttin' on the moves

A fast cut helps Josh Maddock,
17, evade the grasp of Chan
Suos and Josh's brother, Eli Maddock, 16, as they played in a pick-up
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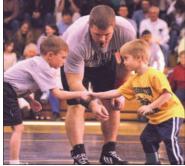


Rizshsky, 5, enjoy warm weather by using the slide at Meeker Elementary School's playground, in Ames. lowa.



Group tubing

People of all ages sled down Sunset Hill in North Conway, N.H., during one of the events of the second annual Mount Washington Valley Winter Carnival.



Little wrestlers Chase Clymer, left, and Chance Mitchell shake hands prior to their match in a youth wrestling program for grades K-6 in Washington, Ind. Officiating is program director Matt Collins.



Colorful scene
The morning sun backlights a
jonquil at St. Scholastica's
Benedict Park in Fort Smith, Ark.



Friendly feline Clyde, a stray cat, seems to ignore a flock of turkeys that cross Sandy DuBois' driveway outside Maple City, Mich. The birds went their way, as did the cat.

Moose shot after attack

ANCHORAGE — A moose regularly petted and hand-fed lettuce and potatoes was shot after it stomped on a 6-year-old boy in a neighborhood.

A police officer shot the young, male moose after the boy was safely in a neighbor's home at the Rangeview Mobile Home Park, a densely packed swath of about 75 trailer homes with few trees or woods or even yards.

The boy suffered a split lip and headache, police said.

"As usual, it's people that have caused the problem and the moose that suffered the ultimate consequence," said wildlife biologist Rick Sinnott, with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Jail break-in alleged

UNION SPRINGS — Dreaming of ways to break out of jail is pretty normal. But for the second time in less than a month, police have arrested a man for trying to break into the Bullock County Jail.

Police said Ellis Hudson, 40, of Union Springs was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing after he was caught inside the fence of the jail last month.

Union Springs Police Chief Jake Wheeler said he suspects Hudson was trying to smuggle tobacco to an inmate, since Hudson had pipe tobacco, three packs of cigarettes and rolling papers in his posses-

"There's no smoking in the jail," Wheeler said. "Someone could probably get \$2 for a cigarette in there"

Devilish sticker protest

NM SANTA FE — The ACLU is going to court over a case of sticker shock.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico is coming to the defense of Dean Young, who was busted for having cartoon stickers of topless female devils on his car.

Young put the stickers on his car as a political statement protesting the ban on Sunday liquor sales in Clovis. The ACLU contends Young's constitutional rights are being violated and that police and prosecutors are overstepping their hounds.

A Clovis magistrate dismissed the case against Young last month on a technicality.

Police called the stickers pornographic and said they went beyond Young's First Amendment rights. Young has described the stickers as "raunchy" but not pornographic.

Virginia tornadoes

VA RICHMOND — Last year set a record for tornadoes in Virginia, according to weather and emergency officials.

Weather-service records show that 86 tornadoes touched down in 52 localities during 2004 — four to six times the normal number that hit the state in a year.

They were the spawn of a matching record-high number of tropical cyclones pummeling Virginia last hurricane season. Three-quarters

of the state's 2004 tornadoes were associated with the remnants of hurricanes Gaston, Ivan and Jeanne, said National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Sammler in Wakefield.

The 2004 storms injured 14 people and caused more than \$70 million in damage in Virginia, the state Department of Emergency Management said.

Boy's dog electrocuted

MA BOSTON — The utility company NStar removed a light pole from the spot where a dog being walked by a 13-year-old boy was electrocuted, but the company failed to shut off power to the site, a city investigation found.

"A violation will be written against NStar," city spokeswoman Lisa Timberlake said after the city's Inspectional Services Department issued its finding, "If there's no pole there, it's NStar's responsibility to shut off the power."
NStar officials said they were in-

vestigating why the power was not shut off when the light pole in the city's Allston section was removed years ago. The dog, a 1-year-old boxer

The dog, a 1-year-old boxer named Cassius, was given to 13-year-old Kyle Devito and his 10-year-old brother, Alec, as a Christmas present from their parents.

Cable cars cashing in

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Cable car fares, which have alaready climbed halfway to the stars, are about to complete the trip and the passengers who are soon to be shaken down for SS a ride are squealing louder than the track

"That's outrageous," said William Laurens, a visitor from Oregon.
"There's a principle involved.

Just because we're tourists doesn't mean we can pay anything."

The Municipal Railway, which hopes to raise the basic bus and streetcar fare Sept. 1 by a quarter, to \$1.50, also wants to raise the cable car fare by \$2 — to \$5 a trip. That would make the cost of a cable car ride the most expensive local transit fare in the Unites States.

Cat hangs on tight

INKOM — Torri Hutchinson's cat might just have one less life to live.

Hutchison was driving along Interstate 15 recently when a motorist kept trying to get her attention and pointing to the roof of her car. She said she was wary of the man, but wondered if perhaps her

ski rack might have come loose.

She pulled over to the side, but kept her doors locked and the motor running.

The man pulled up behind her. Hutchinson rolled down her window to hear the man frantically shouting, "Your cat! Your cat!"

He reached for the roof of her car and handed the shocked Hutchinson her orange tabby.

She had driven about 10 miles with the cat on top of the car, and didn't even notice the feline when she stopped for gas.

Stories and photos from wire services

AFRTS Television Schedule Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at http://myefn.dodmedia.osd.mil/								
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10:30	Reading Rainbow (EI)		(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block	Cavuto on Business		Fashion Emergency	Pacific Report
11:00	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	(10:48) Movie *** "Speed" (1994) Keanu Reeves. A transit		60 Minutes	Forbes		The Soup	60 Minutes
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14:00	Blue's Clues Art show. (EI) Barney & Friends (EI)	(:44) Movie ++++ "The	HUIEI Halless Wars.	Pacific Report		Miami. (Taped)	Strong Medicine "Childcare"	Pacific Report
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21:30	Boy Meets World	Parents" (2000, Comedy)		Headline News	1	Surprise, Ariz. (Live)	House"	Headline News
22:00	The Cosby Show	Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Teri Polo	Headline News	Good Morning America	Your World With Neil Cavuto		Friends	Good Morning America
22:30	Home Improvement		The Tonight Show With Jay	1			Seinfeld "The Secret Code"	
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Here I Am"	Movie *** "Frequency" (2000) Dennis Quaid.	Late Show-Letterman		Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn Pardon the Interruption	Seinfeld "The Wink" Blind Date	
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15:00	Funniest Home Videos	(:05) Movie *** "Glengar- ry Glen Ross" (1992, Drama)	I Spy	Leno			Any Day Now "Nope"	Leno
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Janet Jackson seeks restraining order

Janet Jackson is seeking a restraining order against a man she says has been stalking her for nine years and

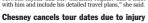
tried once to bring a box cutter and knife to a New York studio where she was rehearsing for a TV appear-

The U.S. pop singer said in a motion filed Tuesday in Superior Court that she has become increasingly frightened of Robert Gardner, 46, of New York, since he was stopped by security guards as he tried to enter the rehearsal for NBC network's "Saturday Night Live" in April.

She is also seeking to restrict Gardner from contacting her family, as well as current and former employees. A hearing on her request for a

preliminary injunction was set for March 17

Jackson said in her affidavit that Gardner had been contacting her since 1996 and has faved her several letters "These faxes reference a fabricated personal history between myself and Mr. Gardner, request that I meet



Kenny Chesney has canceled the opening weekend of his "Somewhere in the Sun" tour after tearing ligaments in his right ankle.

The country singer said Thursday he fell on a staircase and will re schedule March 9-13 concerts — ir Green Bay, Wis., Fargo, N.D., and St. Paul, Minn. - for later in the month. "I know the fans in Green Bay,

Fargo and St. Paul are gonna be dis-appointed," Chesney said in a state-ment posted on his Web site.

"But they're not half as disappointed as I am about not being there."
Chesney said his ankle "looks like
a softball." Dr. Burton Elrod said in

the statement that Chesney will have to undergo extensive rehabilitation

"He's going to play sore — with his ankle taped or with a brace under his boot, but he's like an athlete who can perform with some pain.



Now HERE'S a good excuse for working at home. Deborah Norville was scheduled to anchor Monday's program of "Inside Edition" from her home on Long Island, N.Y., to try to give viewers a taste of what Martha

Stewart's home confinement is like. Norville will be fitted with the same type of ankle bracelet that is being used to monitor Stewart's location now

that she has been released from prison. Over a 24-hour period, Norville will keep a record of everything she does and report on what the experience is

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Backstreet is back, again

Backstreet's back. Again.

Backstreet Boys, the boy band who demanded "I Want It That Way," have announced a set of tour dates starting March 21 in New York.

They won't play Madison Square Garden this time around — or any of their previous gigantic arena hotspots. The Boys' 13-city tour is a club-only affair, stopping at such intimate venues as the State Theatre in De-troit and the 9:30 Club in Washington.

According to their label, Jive Records, they will perform all their hits plus a few songs from their upcoming

The Backstreet Boys, who debuted in 1997, are putting the finishing touches on a forthcoming as-yet-untitled album, their first original outing since 2000's "Black and





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Gavin Rossdale

By BARRY KOLTNOW

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

LOS ANGELES irector Francis Lawrence was on the phone, and Gavin Rossdale was convinced that it was bad

The former lead singer of the British rock group Bush figured that the director was calling to inform Rossdale that his small but important role as a nasty demon in the supernatural thriller "Constantine" had been cut. This already had happened to him on another movie, and Rossdale expected the worst.

asked to speak to the singer's wife, pop star Gwen Stefani,

As it turned out, he need not have worried Lawrence wasn't even calling for Rossdale. The director

whom Lawrence had just directed in a music video for her hit single "What You Waiting For? "It was a little embarrassing," the -year-old Rossdale said of the phone

call. "I immediately said, 'You didn't cut me out of the movie, did you?" "Francis laughed and told me that he actually had added a couple of

scenes. Then he asked to talk to Gwen The handsome Londoner said he

had good reason to be paranoid. His first film experience, "Little Black Book," was a disaster.

"They showed it to a couple of test audiences and the ending depressed them. That was my only scene in the movie and it ended up on the editing room floor.

Rossdale, who left Bush after six albums and will release a solo effort in July with his new band Institute, has another film scheduled for a May release. In "The Game of Our Lives," he plays a soccer player on the 1950s era English national team that lost to the Americans.

In his Los Angeles hotel suite, Rossdale discussed his first movie junket and his budding film career, including his role in "Constantine," which stars Keanu Reeves as a human who battles Satan and an army of demons to earn his way into heaven.

0: What's a stranger experience - stage-diving into a crowd of 15,000 fans or these press interviews?

A: Well, I'm more at home diving from the stage into a crowd of kids, but what I really enjoy about this press junket is being surrounded by people who want to ask me questions about the movie. It's a relief to finally be able to dis-cuss the film with people who have seen it. Until now, I've been walking around at home raving about the movie but nobody knows what I'm talking about.

Q: So, you're actually enjoying these days of answering endless questions?

A: I really am.

O: Has there been a highlight? A: I really liked sitting in a room discussing the movie

with eight priests.

Q: Were they journalists?

A: I suppose they write for church publications.

Q: And what was their reaction to the movie? A: They were very receptive. They seemed intrigued as

to how much of the devil I see in myself. O: How serious are you about this acting career?

A: Really serious. That's why I've waited so patiently to find the right film to work on.

Q: What was it about the role of Balthazar that appealed to you?

A: I just loved the words. They were so delicious Q: You have a new album coming out soon. Where does

acting fit in with the music career? A: A great role model for me has always been Tom

Waits. He has had a great career of making wonderful records and then popping up in a film somewhere. The hardest thing to do in a show business career is to surprise people, and he al-

ways surprises people. Q: But Tom Waits always did these small, quirky roles in films. Isn't your goal to be the guy who stars in the

movie? A: If you're asking me if I'd like for them to hold the camera on me a while longer. I suppose the answer is yes. But sharing the screen with people like Keanu Reeves is a great learn-

ing experience for me right now, and I don't know what the future holds. Q: So, at the unemployment office, you still write "musician" on the line

that says: "Occupation?"

A: Musician/struggling actor. Q: Emotionally, what is a bigger

high - acting or music? musician actor A: Emotionally, there is something about writing music so music will always be my first love

And there is great satisfaction in making something work on screen. I hope I will be able to combine the two. Q: Where do you think you are in your acting career?

A: I am probably the least experienced person on any movie set.

Q: How do you deal with that?

A: I try to be the first person in the pool at the start of the

day, and the last person out of the pool at the end of the day. I want to learn everything I can.

Q: And how is that working for you?

A: The only indication that it might be working came from the director one day on the set. Keanu and I are supposed to hate each other in this movie because I'm his nemesis, and that chemistry is important for the scenes to work. After one particular scene, Francis came over to me and said: "I think Keanu really hates you." I'm pretty sure that was a compliment.

Horoscope

Mars, the warrior - the theme is right versus might. When events are meant to be, they can happen in a number of **Holiday Mathis** different ways. Using force to get what you want, therefore, is optional. Perhaps it's better to conserve your energy, Moral of the story When it's truly yours, no

one can stop you from having it. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). Your special

achievements are reward ed. An independent spirit rules, and the next 10 weeks show you being particularly resistant to doing anything inauthentic to you. Singles have multiple romantic options through the spring Summer brings friends together for travel and rollicking good times. Lucky love signs are Taurus and Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Strangely, some lessons in love can only be learned by developing your-self outside of a relationship. Consider that you may have to create distance between you and a loved one in order to be more closely connected

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You let down your guard and find there was little reason for you to have it up to begin with. It's nice when humans reinforce that humani ty is mostly good. Someone you need to have in your life reaches for

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is so much truly inspiring information out there that you don't even have to make an effort to find it. You bump into it when you're not even sure where you're going. You

are being guided by signs CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The thing that separates you from the pack is your habits. Do something that other people don't like to do. You probably won't like it, either, but your commitment to excellence rules out over the temporary discom-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's self-appreciation day. You don't have to tell anybody, but the private love affair you've got going with you is getting really steamy. In fact, you're totally irresistible. Buy yourself something you've been wanting

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Career aims take over your thought process. There's a vision inside you that is growing in scope. Fill it out with color, character and detail. If you see it, feel it and believe it, doing it is

actually the easy part. LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Caution: Don't spend your time and energy defending your methods and knowledge You're better off following your insatiable

drive to learn more, even if this seems costly right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

A slight lethargy sets in - perhaps stemming from your basically rebel lious nature. The tasks ahead of you are not hard, and they are not easy. But they only get accomplished with the right attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The financial luck of someone

in your circle may be a source of envy. Take this as an indication that you need to get moving on your special project. The most acceptable way to get money is still to earn it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). The open-minded, possibility thinker in you surfaces. Perhaps your belief about how to run a rela tionship was mistaken. When you are willing to be wrong, you lessen the likelihood that you will be in the

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Your lineage affects what happen to you now. It's interesting to note what was given to you by your narents and what is self-created When it comes to relaying your deep affection, show it rather than

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

People are grouped together according to the many things they have in common. Think of what you have in common with your group and whether that sits well with you. What was lost is now found in the strangest place

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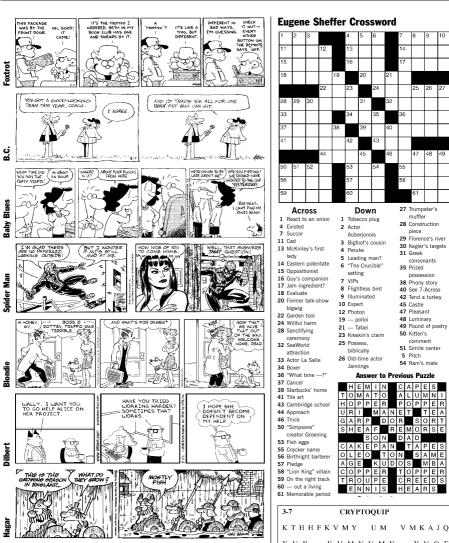


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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals L

Dog duties are woman's own fault

Dear Abby: I need advice with a problem I have regarding our basset hound, "Sherlock bought Sherlock for my husband, "Ken," a year and a half ago. Ken loves the dog, and so does my 18-year-old daughter, "Gret-

ta," who lives with lock, the understanding was that he would be cared for by my husband and daughter. This is not what happened. I do 90 percent of the feeding and cleaning up after him. We also have a cocker spaniel, "Lulu," we have had since Gretta was 3. Lulu has also been my responsibility for the most part. Ken and Gretta play with the dogs, and I "get" to do almost everything else

Abby, I am not a dog lover; I am a dog "liker." I feel used and resentful. Am I being unreasonable?

- Used and Resentful in Southern California Dear Used and Resentful: Stop feeling used and resentful and look in the mirror. Why did you buy a second dog after seeing that your husband and daughter didn't care for the one you already had? You put yourself in this pickle.

Please reconsider shrugging off the responsibility for Sherlock. There are alternatives to getting rid of him. A neighborhood teen could be hired to walk him. A pet service could pro vide transportation to

the vet or the groomer. Focus on the bright side. Since you and your husband have full-time jobs, and your daughter is busy with her own schedule, it's iust as well that you

have two dogs because they have each other for companionship.

Dear Abby: Thirty years ago my mother-in-law, "Grace," suddenly changed. She began accusing her husband of cheating on her and trying to poison

her. She made his life miserable until he passed away. After the funeral, we moved Grace into a house next door to ours

Things were OK for a while. then she started up again.

According to Grace, everyone has been trying to kill her. A few months ago, Grace had surgery. I stayed with her until she was back on her feet. Now she says I am trying to poison her, and have people come in and steal her stuff

My husband, her only child, is very upset and has forbidden me to go over there anymore. What we can do?

 Tearful in Tennessee Dear Tearful: Your moth er-in-law needs a psychiatric evaluation. Her son should make sure her doctor understands what's been going on before she goes for the exam. The symptoms you describe indicate she may be mentally ill.

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Girl needs help after admitting rape

Dear Annie: Recently, my 13-year-old daugh-ter. "Ellie." told me she was raped two years ago by a boy who also was 11 at the time. I had no idea since she never let on that anything had happened never showed changes in her personality or became withdrawn, nor did she display any signs that

she was troubled. I know that this mus have been a horrible experience for Ellie, and as a teenager, it is imperative that she have a healthy self-image. She said the reason she didn't tell me earlier was because she didn't want me to think she was a

"whore." I reassured her and told her I would never think that, and that this was not her fault.

But her words broke my heart. Ellie doesn't want anyone else to know about the rape, and told me if she feels the need to discuss it she will come to me. She is an emotionally well-adjusted child. but I think she should receive counseling. I also am concerned



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Abby

because Ellie says she is never going to have sex again. I understand that for now, but will this carry into her adult life and affect her? She was a virgin before this happened I want to help my

daughter. Do you be lieve she really is OK? Is there any legal re-course? The crime is two years old, and the boy is still a minor.

Thanks for your help.

- Love My Daughter More Than Anything Dear Mom: The fact that Ellie came to you with this information,

instincts are solid. Ellie should get professional help. We recommend contacting RAINN, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (rainn.org), at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673). for counseling and information about legal recourse. You can check it out first, Mom, and then encourage Ellie to do the same

even after two years, means it

still troubles her deeply. Your

Dear Annie: What is the proper etiquette about inviting your boss to baby and wedding showers? My boss, who is not a particularly friendly person and has no personal relationships with any of her staff, always gets peeved when one of us has such an event and doesn't invite her She says it is "proper etiquette" to invite your boss to these kinds

of parties and that we girls have "no manners Am I rude for not including my boss in my personal events?

— Anxious Employee

Dear Anxious: Your boss is mistaken. You are not obligated to invite her to any non-work-related event outside the office. However, if you feel your job may be in jeopardy, you might ant to make allowances for her. It sounds as if the woman desperately wants to be included in these social affairs.

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"Tomorrow's my birthday, so these pajamas might not fit me in the morning."



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Hahn, Dunmore rally LRMC to unit-level basketball title

Stare and Strings

WÜRZRURG Germany Landstuhl Regional Medical Center picked up a dose of revenge along with the 2005 Army-Europe Unit-Level basketball championship it earned with a 66-63 victory Sunday over Heidelberg's Headquarters, V Corps.

"We wanted the big one," said tourney MVP James Dunmore. who scored 29 points in Sunday's title game. "They beat us in the ASG [Area Support Group] tournament. Today it was our turn.'

Sunday's victory capped an unbeaten run for the medics through the three-day, double-elimination event.

LMRC trailed by five points at halftime Sunday and by three with 3:35 left in the game. During the final minutes, however, Landstuhl's Parker Hahn took over.

Hahn began by banging home a three-pointer from the right baseline to even the score at 59. But V Corps gained the lead back on baskets by Troy Adams and Pablo Reid, while Hahn and Dunmore cut the four-point lead in half by each hitting one of two free throws. With 32.3 seconds remaining. V Corps was about to force a winner-take-all game. It had a two-point lead and possession of the ball

Hahn, however, stole a crosscourt pass in the backcourt, dribbled the floor and was fouled on the layup he made to tie the score His free throw gave him 15 points on the day and his team a one-point lead, 64-63. A pair of Dunmore free throws provided the final margin.

"There was no way I wanted to play another game," Hahn said of the late rally he engineered. "I'm too old for that

Too old?

"I feel like I'm 45," the 25-year-old said with a laugh.



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James Dunmore, right, of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center grasps a rebound in front of Pablo Reid of V Corps in the championship game of the unit-level tournament on Sunday in Würzburg, Germany.

V Corps, which earned its second shot at LRMC with a 64-58 triumph over Wiesbaden's D Company, 123 Main Support Battalion, in Sunday's losers-bracket final, got 23 points from Adams and 19 from Reid against LRMC

But V Corps couldn't find a way to shut down Dunmore, who scored 29 during the final.

"This is the best team I've ever played on." Hahn said. "Everyone knows his role and plays it. We just jelled."

Browns trade for veteran QB Dilfer

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6-foot-4,

225-pound quarterback

with Browns

CLEVELAND - The Cleve-

land Browns didn't wait long to find an experienced quarterback, acquiring Trent Dilfer from Seattle on Saturday for a fourth-round draft pick. The Browns were left with two

inexperienced quarterbacks after Kelly Holcomb signed four-year deal with Buffalo on Fri-They released starter Jeff Garcia earlier this offseason. Enter Dilfer, who became ex-

ndable in Seattle after starter Matt Hasselbeck signed six-year, \$49 million contract last

Dilfer, who turns 33 on March 13, appeared in five games last season, leading the Seahawks to victories in his only two starts. The trade, contingent on league approval and Dilfer passing a

midway through the 2000 season and led the Ravens to a Super Bowl championship. The move still leaves Cleveland with plenty of flexibility as it

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searches for a long-term solution at quarterback. Dilfer only has one year left on

General Manager Phil Savage.

Savage was Baltimore's player

nersonnel director when Dilfer

took over for starter Tony Banks

his contract, so his addition would not prevent the Browns from makother ing moves. fourth-round pick also is an extra one, acquired from Denver for defensive tackle Gerard Warren earlier this week.

Luke McCown and Josh Harris were the only two quarterbacks on the Cleveland roster before the trade

Falcons re-sign returner Rossum ATLANTA - The Atlanta Fal-

cons re-signed Pro Bowl return specialist Allen Rossum on Saturday and added kicker Todd Peter-

Rossum, who set an NFL play off record last season with 153 yards on three punt returns against St. Louis, agreed to a four-year contract. The 5-foot-8, 178 pound seven-year veteran and a sack while playing defensive back.

Peterson agreed to a one-year deal. He kicked for San Francisco last season

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Tuesday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—College basketball, vomen's teams TBD. AFN-Sports and Radio, 1 a.m.—College bas-setball: Colonial Athletic Association chamolonship game. **AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—College basketball: Missouri Valley Conference championship ame. AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—College basketball: /omen's teams TBD. AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.—College basketball: /est Coast Conference championship

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Bowling: PBA Baby kuth (dld).

AFN-Sports, noon—NBA: Teams TBD (dld).
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uan Carlos Ramirez (34-7-0, 14 KOs), super
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eatherweights (dld). **AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—Baseball: Spring train-ng, Texas vs. San Francisco. All times are Central European Time; did in dicates delayed listing. All listings are sub-ject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

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16. Utah (25-4) beat San Diego State 72-60.
Next: MWC first round, Thursday.

17. Pacific (25-2) beat UC Riverside 64-48.
Next: Bj@ West semifinals, Friday.

18. Charlotte (21-6) lost to South Florida 85-73. Next: vs. Memphis-Saint Louis winner, Conference USA quarterfinals, Thursday. 19. Villanova (21-6) beat St. John's 70-68. Next: vs. No. 24 Pittsburgh, Big East quarterfi-Next: VS. No. 24 HILSOW Byll. Org. Am. 18, Thurysdaya. (23-6) beat Texas Tech 24. Oklahoma (23-6) beat Mississippl State 21. Alabama (23-6) beat Mississippl State winner SEC quarterfinals, Friday. 22. Clincinnati (24-6) beat Memphis 62-60. 22. Cincinnati (24-6) beat Mémphis 62-60. Next vs. Houston-South Florida winner. Con-ference USA quarterfinals, Thursday. 23. Wisconsin (20-7) beat Purdue 64-52. Next Big Ten quarterfinals, Friday. 24. Pittsburgh (20-7) beat Notre Dame 85-77. Next; vs. No. 19 Villanova, Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.

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1. LSU (29-1) beat No. 21 Georgia 79-65, SEC tournament, Next; vs. No. 5 Tennessee, SEC tournament, Sunday. 2. Stanford (27-2) beat California 81-40, Pac-10 tournament, Sunday. 3. Onlo State (26-7) did not Jay. Next; vs. No. 15 Minnesota, Big Ten tournament, Sunday.

day.

4. North Carolina (25-3) beat Miami 64-57,

ACC tournament. Next: Virginia, ACC tournament, Sunday.

5. Tennessee (25-4) beat No. 18 Vanderbilt
76-73. SFC tournament. Next: vs. No. 1 LSU. 76-73, SEC tournament. Next: vs. No. 1 LSU, SEC tournament, Sunday. 6. Duke (27-3) beat Wake Forest 107-50, ACC tournament. Next: vs. No. 25 Maryland, ACC tournament, Sunday. 7. Baylor (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Mis-souri or Kansas, Big 12 tournament, Wednes-

day. 8. Michigan State (26-3) did not play. Next vs. No. 23 Penn State, Big Ten tournament Sunday. Sunday.

9. Rutgers (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Big East tournament, Sunday.

10. Notre Dame (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Big East tournament, Sun-

11. Texas (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M or Oklahoma, Big 12 tournament, Wednesday. (25-4) lost to Texas Christian 87-77, CUSA tournament, Next: TBA. 13. Texas Tech (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado or No. 20 lowa State. Big 12 tournament, Wednesday. 27. did not play. Next: vs. Colorado or No. 20 lowa State. Big 12 tournament, Wednesday. 27. did not play. Next: vs.

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At The Leavey Center

Santa Clara, Calif.

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Barry 14, Valdosta St. 7
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Skiing

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17. Florian Eckert, Germany, 1:35.12. 18. Marco Buechel, Liechtenstein, 1:35.13. 19. Konrad Harl, Switzerland, 1:35.17.

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76ers extend Hawks skid to 11 with late FTs, steal

ATLANTA - Marc Jackson hit two free throws with 1.2 seconds remaining, and Allen Iverson stole Atlanta's ensuing inbounds pass as the Philadelphia 76ers escaped with a 98-97 victory Saturday night that extended the Hawks' losing streak to 11 games

Iverson, who hit all 13 of his free-throw attempts, scored 33 points but was just 3-for-19 from the floor in the second half.

After Tom Gugliotta's 20-footer from the right baseline gave the Hawks their first lead since midway through the fourth quarter, Chris Webber's awkward pass caused Iverson to fall down near midcourt. Instead of being called for traveling, Iverson quickly hopped up and drove the lane before passing to Jackson, who was fouled by Al Harrington.

Jackson finished 7-for-7 from the foul

Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, stole Boris Diaw's inbounds pass from the left sideline of the Hawks' end. Iverson celebrated with victory lap around the Philips Arena floor.

The Sixers won two straight for the first time since acquiring Webber in a Feb. 23 with Sacramento. Webber finished with 18

points and a team-high eight rebounds. Tyronn Lue, who scored 13 points before



Hawks their biggest lead, 72-65 with 2:16 left in the third quarter Harrington led Atlanta with 19 points. Josh Childress finished with 16.

Magic 105, Nets 81: Steve Francis scored 26 points and rookie backcourt mate Jameer Nelson added a career-high

22 as Orlando took an early lead and rolled Kelvin Cato added 16 points for the

Magic, who had four players in double figures. Nelson, further entrenched in the Orlando starting lineup after Doug Christie was placed on the injured list, shot 7-for-9 and had three assists.

Rookie Dwight Howard had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 20 points, the 18th straight game he's reached

Nuggets 105, Clippers 89: Earl Boykins scored 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Denver continued its push for the playoffs under new coach George Karl with its sixth straight victory. Boykins, a 5-foot-5 guard who spent two

seasons with the Clippers, has scored in double figures in 20 of his past 23 games.



Hawks forward Al Harrington (3) is stopped under the net by 76ers center Marc Jackson (25) and Aaron McKie (8) in the fourth quarter on Saturday. Atlanta lost its 11th straight.

Carmelo Anthony had 21 points for the Nuggets, who equaled their longest winning streak since a seven-game stretch from Nov. 18-Dec. 2, 1989. They improved to 30-29 and went over .500 for the first

time since Dec. 21 (13-12). The Nuggets have made up 61/2 games on the Lakers for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth, and have tied them with 23 games remaining.

Bucks 95, Bulls 87: Desmond Mason scored 20 points, Maurice Williams and Michael Redd added 16 points each and the Bucks defeated the Chicago Bulls in Milwaukee for the 14th consecutive time. The Bulls' losing streak at the Bradley

Center dates to March 29, 1998, the year Michael Jordan led the team to the last of its six NBA championships. Joe Smith added 10 points and a sea-

son-high 16 rebounds for the Bucks, whose last 16 points came from the foul line. Kirk Hinrich scored 24 points for Chica-

go, which lost its third consecutive game. Suns 129. Trail Blazers 116: Shawn

Marion had 26 points and nine rebounds, and Phoenix routed visiting Portland for the third time this season. Coach Mike D'Antoni rested starters

Marion, Amare Stoudemire and Steve Nash for the entire fourth quarter after the Suns went ahead 102-78 after three.

Profit's tip turns out a winner for Wizards

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Washington Wizards were lousy on offense and not much better on defense, forcing them to rely on one heads-up play by Laron Profit to end their six-game road los-Profit tipped in Juan Dixon's

miss with 3.1 seconds to play to give the Washington Wizards an 86-84 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Saturday night. "When he shot it, I just decided

with the time left to go in and try to get a hand on it, Profit said "Luckily for us the ball went in be cause saying we didn't play well is an understatement. The Wizards shot just 37 per-

were 1-for-10 from three-point range and had eight shots blocked

Plus, they were short on bodies just 10 players suited up but Anthony Peeler didn't play and then Antawn Jamison left early in the third quarter with what the Wizards would only say was a sore right knee.

How they rallied from a 14-point deficit and pulled out the win was a mystery to them.

"We really have been talking about how we need to win games on the defensive end and tonight we spoke it right up," Profit said. "We didn't have our 'A' game or our 'B' game offensively, so we really had to buckle down and make some plays."

The Bobcats missed twice before Washington's final possession

Jason Kapono's shot was off, and Gerald Wallace's shot was blocked by Brendan Haywood.

The Wizards called timeout and ran down the clock before getting the ball to Dixon in the left corner. His shot bounced off the rim, but Profit was under the basket and tipped it in.

Charlotte didn't have any timeouts left, and Keith Bogans heaved up a half-court shot that was off the mark. Washington improved to 3-0 against the Bobcats.

"Profit just wanted it a little more than we did on that possession." Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. Haywood, from nearby Greens-

boro and a North Carolina alum. scored 22 points to lead Washing-

"My mom is here, and I wanted to have a good showing for Mama," Haywood said.

Gilbert Arenas scored 21 and Kwame Brown had 16 points and 12 rebounds. Jason Hart scored 18 of his ca-

reer-high 20 points in the fourth quarter to lead Charlotte. Kapono had 19 points and a career-high eight rebounds off the bench, and Primoz Brezec added 16 points.

"We're not getting down, but we need a break." Hart said. "Unfortunately, that last rebound did not go our way. This one hurts."

The Bobcats also have injury problems, with guard Kareem Rush placed on the injured list before the game with a knee sprain and Brevin Knight out with a sprained ankle suffered Friday

NBA scoreboard

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Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella raises his arms as he celebrates his victory in the Australian Grand Prix at Melbourne's Albert Park circuit Sunday. Rubens Barrichello finished second and Fernando Alonso third.

Fisichella wins F1 opener

third

Crash takes M. Schumacher out of race

BY JOHN PYE The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella won Formula One's season-opening Aus-tralian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Fisichella finished 57 laps on the 3.295-mile Albert Park circuit in 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 seconds in his Renault.



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Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello was second, 5.55 seconds back, and Fisichella's Renault teammate, Fernando Alonso, finished

Michael Schumacher, who won 13 races last year en route to his seventh world championship, retired with 15 laps remaining after a collision with Nick Heidfeld The Ferrari driver started on the back row of the grid.

The 32-year-old Fisichella's only previous F1 victory in 141 races was at the controversial 2003 Brazilian GP, when he wasn't awarded the victory for five days until it was discovered he was ahead when the race was

stopped. With new rules restricting drivers to one engine for two races sichella's smooth driving made

and one tire setup per race, Fithe difference. Schumacher moved as high as

seventh after starting 19th with a new engine. His Australian title defense ended when he and Nick Heidfield touched wheels and then collided at in the third turn on the 43rd lap.

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Mexican Goeters secures Busch pole

MEXICO CITY - Some NASCAR teams worried about security as they made their first trin south of the border. They had reason for concern: Somebody stole the pole.

Mexico's Jorge Goeters thrilled hometown fans Saturday by topping qualifying for Sunday's Telcel-Motorola 200, edging Nextel Cup veteran Robby Gordon.

It was really cool to see that guy get the pole, to see all the fans going crazy with the air horns going," said defending series champ Martin Truex Jr., who was third-fastest. "I don't think they'd have done that for me.'

It also was good news for NASCAR, adding to local interest in a race that it hopes will help build an enduring relationship with fans in Mexico and with Hispanic fans in the United States.

"As far as Busch qualifying, I don't think we've ever had this many people at the track," Truex said, though officials did not have

a count of the crowd Saturday. Goeters called it "the happiest day of my life" after his No. 66 Ford bumped Gordon to second on the 2.518-mile road course.

"I can't tell you what this event means for me and for my country. I've always dreams of running in NASCAR," Goeters said. "I didn't even know it was a

good lap until my team told me. 'You did it! You're the leader!' '

It got even happier later. Goeters started on the pole in the after-noon's Corona Challenge race and finished second to brother Patrick.

The 34-year-old Goeters has won Mexican titles in trucks (2002), Mustangs (1997), sport prototypes and tractor trucks (both in 1996).

Maier wins super-G, 50th World Cup race of career

KVITFJELL, Norway - Hermann Maier won a super giant sla-lom on Lillehammer's Olympic course Sunday for his 50th World Cup victory, tying Alberto Tomba for second place on the career

Austria's Benjamin Raich finished fourth, just ahead of Bode Miller, and drew closer to the American in their race for the overall title. Miller, trying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the men's overall, leads Raich by 52 points (1,348 points to 1,296) with only four races left.

Maier, who also won Satur-

day's downhill on the same slope, was timed in 1 minute, 32.98 seconds. He beat Didier Defago of Switzerland by 0.83 seconds while Daron Rahlves of the United States was third, 0.88 back.

Castillo, Lacy successfully defend titles

LAS VEGAS - Jose Luis Castillo wore down Julio Diaz with relentless pressure Saturday night before finally stopping him in the 10th round to retain the WBC lightweight title.

Castillo fought true to his usual form, patiently stalking Diaz throughout the fight before knocking him down twice in the 10th Diaz was on one knee after the

second knockdown when referee Richard Steele counted to nine. then waved the fight to a close.

It was the second defense for Castillo of the title he won from Juan Lazcano last year. In another title fight on the

card at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino, former Olympian Jeff Lacy retained his IBF super-middleweight title by stopping Rubin Williams in the seventh round.

Castillo, winning for the 52nd time in his pro career, opened cuts over both of Diaz's eyes with apparent head butts, and Diaz's left eye was nearly swollen shut when the fight ended.

Sports briefs

Diaz (30-3) gave up his IBF lightweight title to challenge Castillo, but simply did not have enough power to keep him off of Castillo (52-6-1 with 46 knock-

outs) was ahead 88-83 on all three scorecards after the ninth round, but made sure that the judges wouldn't have a say in the fight when he put the challenger away in the 10th round.

Buser goes for record-tying fifth Iditarod title

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Fearless, foolhardy or just plain stub-born, four-time champion Martin Buser cheerfully started the 1.100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday, a few days after the middle finger of his right hand was amputated above the second joint.

Buser, 46, who was injured in a table saw accident Tuesday, loaded up on painkillers, antibiotics and anti-inflammatory pills. He wore bandages and a special splint on his mangled hand and stuffed it inside an oversized black mitten. At the festive ceremonial start

of the 33rd Iditarod, he happily signed autographs — he's left-handed — and posed for pho-tographs with fans on a crisp, sunny morning before setting off on a journey to Nome that is perilis even for mushers in the best of health The first day was easy, starting

out on trucked-in snow downtown, then taking a slow run for 11 miles with reduced teams of 12 dogs hauling "Iditariders" who paid for the thrill. The race really gets going Sunday with a restart from Willow, 70 miles north of the city. From there it's a danger-filled trail through steep gorg es, along frozen rivers and over menacing mountain passes in subzero temperatures with howling

Giambi gets warm reception on the road

Jason Giambi took his image rehabilitation tour on the road for the first time this spring and was given a warm reception. Carlos Beltran needed just one at-bat to hear how his new fans felt about

Giambi got his first hit of the year in the New York Yankees' 9-8 loss to the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland, Fla., on Saturday.

"I didn't know what to expect," Giambi said after going 1-for-4. "You never know, and that way you never set yourself up to be let down.

Giambi repeated several times that he was "humbled" by the reception he's been given following a winter of accusations about ste-

Giambi, however, wasn't involved in the play that will find its way into the most highlight shows

Detroit's Dmitri Young violently collided with Yankees catcher John Flaherty on a play at the plate, and Young needed five stitches on his ear. Young said the blood was worth it because the aggressive play was meant to convey how the Detroit Tigers intend to play this season

"We're the Tigers - not the kittens." Young said.

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Beltran hit a two-run homer in the first inning of his first home game with the Mets. Beltran also singled in three at-bats and helped New

Spring training

York beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-4

"When you go out, you don't want to let the fans down," said Beltran, who signed a seven-year, \$119 million contract in January.

"You want to make them proud of your team. That's what we did today."

Free-agent signee J.D. Drew had his first hit for Los Angeles, a two-run homer off Mets starter Steve Trachsel in the third inning.

Sammy Sosa, who hit his first homer with the Baltimore Orioles on Friday, did something even more memorable Saturday: He was ejected while playing the outfield during the second inning of the Orioles' 9-6 loss to the Nationals at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. - the first time in 34 years that Baltimore and Washington met on a baseball diamond.

The sequence of events that led to Sosa's ejection by second base umpire C.B. Bucknor began in the bottom of the first inning when he was called out by home plate umpire Joe West on a high third strike. Sosa briefly expressed his displeasure with the call before taking his place in right field

After Baltimore starter Daniel Cabrera opened the second inning by going to a 2-0 count on leadoff hitter Brad Wilkerson, Sosa was ejected

Sosa said, "and then the second-base umpire was like, 'Knock it off.' I said something back to him, and that was everything. I was all the way in right field, but I guess he took it the wrong way and threw me out of the game."

Sosa's ejection was not the only

outrageous occurrence Saturday. At Surprise, Ariz., Kansas City's Calvin Pickering hit a grand slam in the sixth inning but was called out when he passed baserunner Justin Huber at first base. Pickering was credited with a three-run, 385-foot single to left.

"That was the batter's fault." Royals manager Tony Pena said.

"We want our runners to tag up in that situation and we want the batter to be watching the runner. It's good these things happen down here.



Seattle Mariners 3B Adrian Beltre throws to first on a grounder by San Diego Padres' Ryan Klesko during the second inning Saturday in Peoria. Ariz. Klesko was out on the play. The Padres won 5-2.

Selig: Positive steroid tests dropped dramatically

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. - The number of positive tests for steroids in Major League Baseball dropped to between 1 to 2 percent last season, Commissioner Bud Selig said Saturday, and he predicted the virtual elimination of the drug from the sport this year.

The new figures, based on just under 1,200 tests, compare with 5 to 7 percent positive results in 2003, the first season that major league players were tested.

Selig said the test results "startled me and a lot of other peo-

"I am very confident that we will effectively rid our sport of steroids in this coming season."

he said at a news conference. The tests in 2003-04 were done under the 2002 collective

bargaining agreement adhering to a program far less stringent than the one adopted by Major League Baseball and the players' union this year. The new pro-

gram implemented this week includes an unannounced test of every player, other random testing and tests in the offseason.

"I'm comfortable in telling you that we've not only dealt with our problem, but we will fin-ish what we started," Selig said.

"There always will be some exceptions, but I'm very comfortable with what we've done.

Selig also said the minor league testing program has dropped from 11 percent of tests league being positive in 2001 to 1.7 percent last season



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Eastern Kentucky's Zach Ingles (3) is pressured by Austin Peay's Maurice Hampton, left, and Derek Wright during the OVC title game.

Colonels march into NCAA

Eastern Kentucky ends 26-year tournament drought; Winthrop, Central Florida, Chattanooga earn berths

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Travis Ford has played in a handful of NCAA tournaments and even a Final Four. Yet coaching his own team to an NCAA appearance easily beats anything he accomplished on the court as a star guard at Kentucky.

"This will be something that you remember for a lifetime, said Ford, who will be making his NCAA tournament debut as a

Zach Ingles scored 15 points and Eastern Kentucky earned its first NCAA tournament berth since 1979 by holding off Austin Peay 52-46 Saturday in the Ohio

Conference tournaments

Valley Conference championship game. The Colo

nels set a school record for victories by winning their seventh straight and improving to 22-8 overall. This will be Eastern Kentucky's sixth NCAA tournament berth overall.

"This is my greatest sports achievement to this date. I'm so happy for these guys that they get to experience it," Ford said.

Big South Winthrop 68, Charleston Southern 46: Craig Bradshaw had 16 points and Torrell Martin had 13 points and nine rebounds, helping Winthrop (27-5) return to the NCAA tournament after a two-vear absence.

Atlantic Sun

Central Florida 63, Gard-ner-Webb 54: Gary Johnson scored 19 points to help Central Florida (24-8) clinch its second straight NCAA tournament ap-

Southern

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Chattanooga 66, UNC Greensboro 62: Charles Anderson led a balanced offense with 13 points and Mindaugas Katelynas added 12 to help Chattanooga (20-10) win its first Southern Conference title since 1997 in its first season under coach Jeff Shulman.

Men's conference tournament scoreboard

America East

Mid-Baltimore Co. 78, New Hampshire 73
Stony Brook 65, Hartford 48,
Stony Brook 65, Hartford 46,
Bilinghamton 76, Albany, N.Y. 70
Vermont 76, Mel-Baltimore Co. 61
Northeastern 90, Stony Brook 79
Maine 47, Boston University 45
Bilinghamton vs. Vermont 6
Bilinghamton vs. Vermont 6
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Atlantic Sun

Central Florida 81, Mercer 68 Belmont 67, Georgia State 61 Jacksonville 68, Lipscomb 64 Jacksonville 68, Lipscomb 64
Friday, March 4
Gardner-Webb 77, Jacksonville 76
Central Florida 66, Belmont 61
Saturday, March 5
Championship
Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54

Atlantic 10

Wednesday, March 9 ichmond vs. Rhode Island Richmond vs. Rhode Island Massachusetts vs. La Salle Fordham vs. Duquesne Dayton vs. St. Bonaventure Thursday, March 10 Saint Joseph's vs. Richmond/Rhode Island Xavier vs. Massachusetts/La Salle Geo. Washington vs. Fordham Temple vs. Dayton/St. Bonave Friday, March 11

Saturday, March 12 Championship

Big East

West Virginia vs. Providence

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Semifinals Saturday, March 12 Champions

Big Sky

Saturday, March 5 Montana 58, Eastern Washington 48 Weber State 74, Sacramento State 71 Tuesday, March 8
Montana State vs. Montana
Portland State vs. Weber St.
Wednesday, March 9
Championship

Big South

Tuesday, March 1 rleston Southern 66, Liberty 60 Point 98, N.c.-Asheville 93, OT throp 74, Coastal Carolina 62 ningham-Southern 69, Radford 40 Thursday, March 3 Thursday, March 3
Charleston Southern 58, High Point 55
Winthrop 78, Birmingham-Southern 64
Saturday, March 5
Championship
Winthrop 68, Charleston Southern 46

Colonial Athletic

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Friday, March 4
William & Mary 68, James Maddson 54
Delaware 76, TowSon 56
Saturday, March 5
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Hofstra 88, Drevel 77
Va. Commonwealth 74, Delaware 61,
Nc.-Wilmington 60, George Mason 47
Sunday, March 6
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Ac. Commonwealth vs. Nc.-Wilmington Va. Commonwealth vs. N.C.-Wilmington Monday, March 7 Championship

Conference USA

Texas Christian vs. Marquette
DePaul ys. Tulane
Memphis vs. Saint Louis
Houston vs. South Florida
Thursday, March 10
Louisville vs. ToU/Marquette
Alabama-Birmingham vs. DePaul/Tulane
Charlotte vs. Memphis/Saint Louis Cincinnati vs. Houston/South Florida Friday, March 11

Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Horizon League

Tuesday, March 1
Wright State 61, Butler 57
Loyola of Chicago 78, Youngstown State 75
Illinois-Chicago 84, Cleveland State 65
Friday, March 4
Detroit 61, Wright State 48 Priday, March 4
Detroit 51, Wright State 8
Loyola of Chicago 87, Illinois-Chicago 81
Saturday, March 5
Detroit 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 55
Wis.-Milwaukee 94, Loyola of Chicago 76
Tuesday, March 8
Championship
Detroit vs. Wis.-Milwaukee

Metro Atlantic

Friday, March 4
Iona 68, Siena 51
Canisius 62, Marist 60
Manhattan 88, Loyola, Md. 67
Saturday, March 5
Iona 97, St. Peter's 73
Rider 79, Canisius 59

Fairfield 62, Manhattan 60 Sunday, March 6 Niagara vs. Iona Rider vs. Fairfield Monday, March 7 Championship

Mid-American

Monday, March 7
Marshall at Ohio
Central Michigan at Kent State
Eastern Michigan at Akron
Northern Illinois at Buffalo
Ball State at Bowling Green
Thursday, March 10
Toledo by, Northern Illinois/Buff eledo vs. Northern Illinois/Burnaio Michigan vs. E. Michigan/Akron Jami (Ohio) vs. Ball State/Bowling Gre Wort State/C. Michig

Saturday, March 12 Championship

Mid-Continent

Saturday, March 5
Oral Roberts 82, Southern Utah 59
Oakland, Mich. 67, Mo.-Kansas City 63
Sunday, March 6
IUPU-Indianapolis vs. W. Illinois
Valparaiso vs. Chicago State
Monday, March 7
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Mid-Eastern Athletic

Monday, March 1
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Wednesday, March 9
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Drake 82, Evansville 68
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Mountain West

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UNLV vs. Wyoming
New Mexico vs. Brigham Young
Air Force vs. San Diego State
Friday, March 11
Utah/Colorado State vs. UNLV-Wyoming
New Mexico/BYU vs. Air Force-San Diego St.
Saturday, March 12

Northeast

Thursday, March 3 Monmouth, N.J. 54, C. Connecticut 53 Fairleigh Dickinson 78, St. Francis, N.Y. 60 Wagner 69, Robert Morris 65
Long Island U. 76, St. Francis, Pa. 67
Sunday, March 6
Wagner at Monmouth, N.J.
LiU at Fairleigh Dickinson
Wednesday, March 9
Championship

Ohio Valley

Tennessee Tech 72, Eastern Illnois 68
Austin Peay 71, Samford 60
Austin Peay 71, Samford 60
Southeast Missouri 61, Murray State 58
Fordhast Missouri 61, Murray State 58
Austin Peay 67, Tennessee Tech 61
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Patriot

Friday, March 4 Lehigh 77, Colgate 60 Holy Cross 76, Army 42 Holy Cross 76, Army 42 American 85, Navy 83, OT Bucknell 70, Lafayette 34 Sunday, March 6 Lehigh at Holy Cross American at Bucknell Friday, March 11 Championship Championshi

Southeastern

Thursday, March 10 South Carolina vs. Mississippi Mississippi State vs. Georgia Arkansas vs. Tennessee Arkansas vs. Tennessee Vanderbilt vs. Auburn Friday, March 11 Alabama vs. South Carolina/Mississippi Florida vs. Mississippi State/Georgia Kentucky vs. Arkarisas/Tennessee LSU vs. Vanderbilt/Auburn Saturday, March 12 Semifinals

Sunday, March 13 Championship

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East Tennessee State 67, Furman 84
Appalachian State 68, The Citadel 59
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Championship
Chattanooga 68, M.C.-Greenboro 62

Southland

Tuesday, March 8
Texas-Arlington at Northwestern (La.) St.
Texas State at Southeastern Louislana
McNeese State at Sam Houston State
Lamar at Texas-San Antonio
Thursday, March 10

Sunday, March 13 Championship

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West Coast

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Pepperdine 91, Loyola Marymount 79
San Francisco 65, Portland 60
Saturday, March 5
San Diego, Santa Clara 67, San Francisco 60
Sunday, March 6
Gonzaga vs. San Diego
Saint Mary's, Calif. vs. Santa Clara
Monday, March 7

Western Athletic

Tuesday, March 8
Hawaii vs. San Jose State
Boise State vs. Tulsa
Thursday, March 10
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Stanford's Matt Haryasz (52) scores over Washington's Nate Robinson during the second half of Saturday's game, which Stanford won 77-67.

Huskies' hopes dashed

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Matt Haryasz had a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds and inspired Stanford shocked No. 10 Washington 77-67 on Saturday, dashing the Huskies' bid for at least a share of their first Pac-10 title in two decades.

"We blew our chance. That was it," said guard Nate Robinson, frustrated with his 4-for-16, 11-point performance. "I'm just speechless right now. I don't know what to say. We couldn't get it done."

Arizona's last-second, 70-68 victory over Arizona State gave the Wildcats the title outright, one game ahead of the Huskies (24-5, 14-4 Pac-10), who haven't won a league title since tying USC in 1985

Strangely enough, it was Washington that kept Stanford from an undefeated regular-season last year by ending the Cardinal's 26-game winning streak with a 77-66 victory in Seattle during the final Pac-10 weekend.

"That hurt," Haryasz recalled of last season's meeting. Brandon Roy had 16 points and

eight rebounds, but the cold-shooting Huskies never found a rhythm only two days after making a school-record 16 three-pointers in a 106-73 victory at California.

Washington has lost 12 straight games at Maples Pavilion, where a sellout crowd of 7,233 made Arizona wins Pac-10

TEMPE, Ariz. — Salim Stoudamire hit a double-pump 14-footer with six-tenths of a second to play to give Arizona a 70-68 victory over Arizona State, giving the Wildcats the outright Pac-10 regular-season title.

Arizona coach Lute Olson earned his 305th conference victory to break the Pac-10 record of 304 held by UCLA's John Wooden.

John Wooden. The Wildcats (25-5, 15-3) won their 11th conference title

and ninth outright.
The Sun Devils (18-12, 7-11)
rallied from 18 down in the
first half to pull within one at
the break, and from 15 in the
second half to take the lead.

things hard for the Huskies all

Hundreds of students dressed in red ran onto the floor to celebrate when the final buzzer sounded

The Huskies had won four straight and eight of nine, and their frustration was evident when Roy hammered Fred Washington under the basket with 26.6 seconds left for an intentional foul.

"If you're standing around like we were, it's hard to get ball movement," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said. "That was maybe the biggest culprit." Stanford (17-11, 11-7) took a najor step forward after an embarrassing 59-48 loss to Washington State on Thursday. The Cardinal, who have reached the NCAA tournament's second round each of the past 10 seasons, did a lot to

boost their postseason chances.

"We were embarrassed two
nights ago, and we didn't want
any part of that feeling again,"
Stanford coach Trent Johnson
said.

Haryasz practically did it all on the day Stanford held a pregame ceremony to honor seniors Rob Little and Nick Robinson, who played crucial roles in last year's 30.2 season

In the first half, the 6-foot-11 Haryasz dribbled the ball upcourt against Washington's full-court press, then swished a baseline jumper moments later.

"I was really inspired," Haryasz said. "I was pretty bummed about the Washington State game."

Jason Haas scored a career-high 18 points and Chris Hernandez and Robinson each added 12 as Stanford kept the Huskies from matching the school victory record set by the 1953 team that achieved the school's only Final Four appearance.

Washington hasn't won at Maples since a 68-67 victory Jan. 30, 1993, and hasn't swept its annual Bay Area trip since the '84-85 season.

"We learn from our mistakes," Nate Robinson said. "And we've got to learn from this game.

Connecticut routs Syracuse in Big East showdown

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Denham Brown scored 21 points and No. 15 Connecticut beat No. 13 Syracuse 88-70 on Saturday to earn a share of the Big East regular season championship, the Huskies' record ninth conference title.

Connecticut (21-6, 13-3) ended up sharing the title with Boston College after the No. 5 Eagles beat Rutgers 78-66 on Saturday night. With the victory, Boston College secured the No. 1 seed in next week's Big East tournament.

The Huskies used some impressive second-half defense to beat the Orange (24-6, 11-5) and win for the ninth time in 10 games. The only loss in that stretch was a nonconference game against North Carolina.

Hakim Warrick had 25 points for Syracuse, the third seed in the Big East tournament, but he was 0-for-6 from the field in the second half, scoring all his points on a 10-for-16 effort from the free throw line.

Gerry McNamara added 12 points for the Orange, but he was 2-for-10 from 3-point range and Syracuse finished 2-for-22 from beyond the arc.

No. 5 Boston College 78, Rutgers 66: Boston College clinched the Big East regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed in next week's tournament behind a



21-point, 11-rebound performance by Jared Dudley.

Boston College (24-3, 13-3) finished tied with Connecticut for the best record, but it won the tiebreaker, having beaten the Huskies 75-70 in January.

Texas 74, No. 8 Oklahoma St. 73: Brad Buckman tied a career high with 27 points, and Texas put an impressive victory on its NCAA tournament resume.

The loss ended the Oklahoma State's homecourt winning streak — the longest in the nation — at 29 games. Kenny Taylor added 11 for Texas (20-9, 9-7 Big 12).

Joey Graham scored 17 to lead Oklahoma State (20-6, 11-5), and JamesOn Curry added 16.

No. 9 Louisville 66, DePaul 62: The Cardinals clinched the Conference USA title behind Larry O'Bannon's 24 points.

Louisville (26-4, 14-2), which had already clinched the top seed in the conference tournament, won for the 15th time in 16 games and finished 9-1 on the road.

No. 14 Michigan St. 90, Penn State 64: Alan Anderson scored 22 points and Chris Hill added 21 for the Spartans.

Kelvin Torbert and Maurice

Ager each added 11 points for Michigan State (22-5, 13-3 Big Ten).

Ben Luber and Mike Walker each scored 12 for Penn State (7-22, 1-15).

No. 16 Utah 72, San Diego St. 60: Andrew Bogut recorded his 20th double-double of the season with 20 points and 15 rebounds in what was likely his final college home game. Although he's just a sophomore, Utah honored the 7-foot Australian before the season finale, a tradition usually reserved for seniors.

Bogut opened the game for the Utes (25-4, 13-1 Mountain West) with a two-handed dunk and all but ended it late in the second half with a 3-pointer to help Utah complete a 16-0 season at home.

No. 17 Pacific 64, UC Riverside 48: Guillaume Yango had 12 points and 14 rebounds to help Pacific complete a perfect season in the Big West Conference.

Mike Webb added 10 points for Pacific (25-2, 18-0), which tied a school record by winning its 21st straight game.

South Florida 85, No. 18 Charlotte 73: Terrence Leather scored 24 points and Brian Swift added 19 to lead South Florida to one of the biggest wins in school history.

The loss was the second straight for Charlotte (21-6, 12-3), which performed much of the night like a team that had little to play for after Louisville clinched the Conference USA regular-season title by beating DePaul earlier in the day.

No. 19 Villanova 70, St. John's 68: Allan Ray scored 22 points and Villanova jumped out to a big lead early in the second half before holding off stubborn St. John's. Will Sheridan added 19 points

Will Sheridan added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (21-6, 11-5 Big East), who have won seven straight and appear headed for their first NCAA tournament berth since 1999.

No. 20 Oklahoma 74, Texas Tech 54: Kevin Bookout scored 15 points to lead Oklahoma, which handed Bob Knight his

worse home loss at Texas Tech.
Oklahoma (23-6, 12-4 Big 12)
came out hot in the second half,
scoring on five of its first six possessions to put together a 12-0
run and go up 42-29.

No. 21 Alabama 68, Mississippi St. 63: Kennedy Winston had 21 points as Alabama clinched the SEC West title.

Ronald Steele gave Alabama the lead for good when hit three-pointer with 2:20 left began a 9-0 run. It helped wrap up the Crimson Tide's first division crown since 2002 and an opening-round bye in next week's SEC tournament. No. 22 Cincinnati 62, Memphis 60: James White hit an 8-foot baseline jumper with 16.2 seconds remaining for Cincinnati.

Armein Kirkland scored 16 points to lead the Bearcats (24-6, 12-4 Conference USA), who extended their winning streak to six games. White finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds. No. 23 Wisconsin 64, Purdue

52: Wisconsin spoiled the last regular-season stop on Gene Keady's frustrating farewell season, ensuring the first 20-loss season for Purdue in the Boilermakers' 107-year history.

Mike Wilkinson and Alando Tucker each scored 14 points — Tucker's all came in the first half — and Kammron Taylor added 11 for the Badgers (20-7, 11-5 Big

No. 24 Pittsburgh 85, Notre Dame 77: Chris Taft had a career-high 26 points and Pittsburgh (20-7, 10-6) posted its fourth straight 20-win season.

The Irish (17-9, 9-7) lost for the third time in four games.

Torin Francis had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Irish.

No. 25 Nevada 73, San Jose St. 69: Nick Fazekas had 28 points and eight rebounds, and Nevada (24-5, 16-2 Western Athletic Conference) rallied from a big early deficit for its 10th straight victory.

Davis Cup doubles loss leaves Charge by Woods U.S. only a singles chance

BY KEN PETERS The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. - In jeopardy of being eliminated by Croatia in the opening round of the Davis Cup for the second time in three vears, the Americans turned to Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi.

Twins Mike and Bob Bryan lost a doubles match for the first time in Davis Cup play Saturday, and Croatia took the lead against the heavily favored United States.

Ivan Ljubicic and Mario Ancic beat the Bryans 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-4 for Croatia's second win in three matches in the best-of-five competition.

Roddick will play Ljubicic in Sunday's first match, and Agassi will face Ancic in the fifth and final match - if the Croatians haven't clinched by then.

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe is glad he's able to send out Roddick and Agassi, who is playing Davis Cup for the first time in five years

"If there are two guys you want to roll out down 2-1, we've got the two guys we want," McEnroe said. "So I'm extremely confident that they're both going to play well

"Andre's been in this position before, and Andy's been in a position where he's had to win a match. This is our best team, our best one-two punch."

The Bryans were 5-0 and hadn't lost a set in Davis Cup going in against Ljubicic and Ancic, bronze medalists in the 2004 Olympics and playing Davis Cup doubles together for just the second time

"It hurts. It doesn't feel good to let your team down," Mike Bryan said. "It was a long, hard day. At least we kept them out there for two hours and 40 minutes.

The Americans hope that playing both singles and doubles has taken a toll on Ljubicic, 25, and Ancic, 20. Ljubicic defeated Agassi in straight sets Friday, and Roddick downed Ancic 4-6, 6-2, 6-1,



Croatia's Ivan Liubicic, right, high fives his doubles teammate Mario Ancic after they defeated United States' Bob and Mike Bryan, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4, 6-4, during Saturday's first-round Davis Cup match.

Croatia ousted the United States in the opening round of the 2003 Cup play, the only previous meeting between the two coun-

Ljubicic won both his singles matches and teamed for a doubles victory in that competition in Zagreb.

"To win five in a row is amaz-ing," Ljubicic said of his perfect Davis Cup mark against America "But it's still a long way. We need to win three sets, one of us, and it's not easy.

"It's still Roddick and Agassi on the other side of the net so we need to be careful."

McEnroe said there's more pressure on Croatia, "pressure on them to close this out. Croatia captain Nikola Pilic

didn't agree.

"I would say that they have to win two matches and we only have to win one," he said.

The Americans, 5-32 in previous rounds when trailing 2-1. haven't won the Davis Cup since 1995. That's the longest drought in 68 years for the United States beaten by Spain in last year's fi-

Ljubicic, a singles finalist in four tour events already this year, made the difference in the doubles victory. Along with his booming serves, often in the high 130-mph range, he slashed shots down the lines and showed a deft touch at the net.

After winning the first set, the Bryans seemed to be back on their heels much of the rest of the match against the two talented singles players.

Ljubicic served 13 aces cluding three in a row for a 5-3 lead in the fourth set - and Ancic had eight. The Bryans combined

Agassi, who turns 35 next month, decided to return to try to help the Americans end their winless spell and capture their 32nd Davis Cup.

Ljubicic's 6-3, 7-6 (0), 6-3 win over him was only Agassi's sixth loss in 36 Davis Cup matches.

sets up Doral duel

MIAMI - Phil Mickelson heard the roars of a dynamic charge ahead of him. Every time he glanced at the leaderboard, he noticed Tiger Woods taking another shot off his lead until it was down to two Saturday in the Ford Championship at Doral. Lefty was loving it.

'I had a different feeling today, Mickelson said after his 6-und 66. "I wanted him to play well. I

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want to go head-to-head with him I've been looking forward to the chance to play head-to-head

against him. If I'm able to turn things around from the past and come out on top, it will make for a very special week

Doral could not have asked for a better duel.

Mickelson continued to bully the Blue Monster with a variety of wedge shots from thick rough that gave him birdie chances, and left him at 20-under 196 and in the lead for the 10th consecutive round in stroke play.

Woods energized the monstrous gallery with his power, driving the green on the 347-yard 16th hole and making good on a birthday pledge to his father to shoot a low round. His 8-foot hirdie on the final hole gave him a 9-under 63, the low score of the tournament, and put him two shots behind "We're going to have a bunch of

fun tomorrow," Woods said. "It's going to be competitive, and I think we're both going to be focused on making a bunch of bird-

The gallery might not realize this, but there were other players with an outside chance at Doral. Zach Johnson, who had to pull out of the projam with a had back

shot a 64 and was six shots behind at 14 under, along with James Driscoll (67) and defending champion Craig Parry (67) Vijay Singh couldn't keep pace with a 68 and was seven shots be-

hind, joined by two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal (70) and former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk (67). But all that mattered to anyone

were two of the biggest names in golf - Phil and Tiger.

They last played in the final group at the 2003 Buick Invitational, after Lefty had made his in-"inferior equipment comment. Woods went on to win by four, with Mickelson six shots Mickelson repeatedly said his

record was not so stellar against Woods, although he usually is having to make up ground. He is one of three players on the PGA Tour to beat him from behind, at the 2000 Tour Championship.

While it looks like a two-man race on Sunday, Mickelson cautioned not to forget about the rest of the field.

We want to make sure that we don't let them back in the tourna-ment," he said.



Tiger Woods watches as his ball rolls into the hole on the 18th green on Saturday at Doral, ending his charge that moved him within two shots of the lead.

Eagle gives Els Dubai title

DUBAL United Arab Emirates Ernie Els eagled the final hole Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic for the third time with a one-stroke victory over Miguel Angel Jimenez, who had led for most of the tournament

Els. who shot a 4-under-par 68 and finished at 19-under 269, captured his first title of 2005. He also won in Dubai in 1994 and

Jimenez, a five-time winner on the European tour in 2004, reached the green in two on the par-5 18th but settled for par. The Spaniard missed a birdie putt from 10 feet and shared second place with Stephen Dodd of Wales, who finished with a 66 for

Colin Montgomerie of Scotland shot a 69 and followed at 272.

Kerr leads MasterCard by two

HUIXOUILUCAN. Mexico Cristie Kerr shot a 4-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Moira Dunn and South Korea's Sae-Hee Son into the final round of the MasterCard Classic, the first LPGA Tour event in Mexico since 1975.

Annika Sorenstam, playing her first event of the year, was three strokes behind after a 71, while Mexico's Lorena Ochoa shot a 75 to fall eight back at 2 over.

Kerr, second to Jennifer Rosales last week in the SBS Open in Hawaii, had six birdies — four on the back nine - and two bogeys to reach 6 under on the Bosque Real Country Club course. Dunn shot a 72, and Son had her second straight 70.

Sorenstam, an eight-time winner last year on the LPGA Tour, was 3 under through 14 holes, but dropped two strokes with a dou-ble bogey on No. 15.

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Ohio State stuns Illinois

Sylvester's three-pointer caps career-high effort, hands No. 1 Illini first loss

BY RUSTY MILLER
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Illinois is

perfect no more.

Ohio State reserve forward
Matt Sylvester hit a three-pointer
with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to

with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to hand the top-ranked Illini their first loss, 65-64. The Illini (29-1, 15-1) were trying to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. In-

ing to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. Instead, they frittered away a 12-point lead in the second half and didn't score in the final three minutes.

Sylvester scored a career-high 25 points — eight more than his previous best — for a team that was banned by its own administrators from the postseason two months ago for alleged NCAA violations.

Ohio State (19-12, 8-8), a team with problems all year hanging onto the ball, didn't have a turnover in the second half. The Illini, who had hurdled tough games in loud environments all season, had seven turnovers after halftime.

It was the second straight season a team coached by Thad Matta ended a run at perfection. Matta's Xavier team handed Saint Joseph's its first loss last season in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

ment.

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991.

The Illini led 64-58 after James Augustine's layup with 3:23 left — but didn't score again.

The Buckeyes ran off the next seven points, with Terence Dials, who had 21 points, scoring on a half-hook before Sylvester drove the lane for a left-handed scoop to cut the lead to 64-62 with 1:40 remaining. With just more than a minute left, Illinois' Deron Williams drove the lane and wrapped a pass around a defender to Roger Powell, but Dials swatted the shot away to teammate Je Kel Foster. Sylvester missed a 15-footer for the Buckeyes and then Illinois' Luther Head misfired on a three-pointer with 17 seconds left.

Ohio State called a timeout with 12 seconds left. Foster in bounded to Brandon Fuss-Cheatham who passed to Sylvester on the right wing, in front of the Ohio State bench. His quick shot seemed to surprise the Illini, nestling in the net while a capacity crowd at Value City Arena roared.

After a timeout, a pass was tipped out of bounds in front of the Illinois bench. The Illini had one last chance with 2.2 seconds left. Williams passed to Powell, but his hurried three-pointer from the top of the circle was well short and off the mark.

Fans rushed the court after the buzzer sounded, snapping photos, jumping up and down and slapping the Buckeyes on the back.

Dee Brown led the Illini with 13 points, although he was rattled all day by chants of "air ball" after several errant second-half shots. He was 3-of-11 from the field and had only five points over the final 34 minutes. Powell and Head each added 12 points.

Williams, who came in averaging 12.8 points a game, was 1-for-7 from the field and finished with two points

with two points.

Foster added 10 points for Ohio State, which enters this week's Big Ten tournament as the No. 6 seed.

The Illini were 9-for-27 (33 percent) from the field in the second half.



Ohio State's Matt Sylvester drives for two of his 25 points as Illinois' James Augustine looks on during. Sylvester hit a game-winning three-pointer to hand the top-ranked Illini their first loss of the season.



Croatia puts U.S. in hole by winning doubles match for 2-1 lead in Davis Cup



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Landstuhl medics rally for unit-level championship Page 27

